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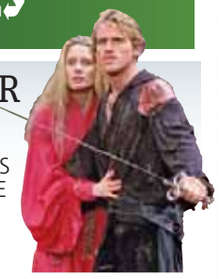

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Local man, stabbed near his business, dies in hospital

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A northeast Calgary businessman was stabbed during an apparent robbery near his city grocery store, the victim of a targeted attack, police say.

He was taken to hospital where he died.

Police say at approximately 9:40 p.m. Wednesday, Maqsood Ahmed and a female employee left the Calgary Produce Market in the 4700 block of Westwinds Way NE. Ahmed, who's store doubled as a Western Union location, was holding a handful of receipts and purse of cash to deposit.

Maqsood Ahmed
FACEBOOK

Raj Sidhu, a nearby business owner consoled the female employee after the stabbing. He said she told him the men approached Ahmed with pepper spray, got him in the eyes and proceeded to grab the money. Ahmed fought back, and that's when he was stabbed.

Sidhu fondly remembered his fellow entrepreneur.

"Whoever asks help from him he does it, he's a very hard worker," said Sidhu. "We help each other ... yesterday I talked to him around noon, borrowed his forklift."

The store is in a quiet alcove isolated from the strip mall it backs onto. Sidhu said Ahmed had just moved his store there and finished renovations.

According to police, they're searching for two suspects believed to be in their 20s driving a 1999-2003, two door Toyota Solara. One of the men was wearing dark clothing, and white shoes. The other had a light coloured hoodie under a leather jacket, dark pants and white shoes.

Anyone with information is asked to call 403-266-1234.

'DEBT SENTENCE'

Students are seen marching at Mount Royal University on Thursday in protest of proposed market-modifier tuition hikes. The extent of those potential hikes at Mount Royal were revealed and some students warned it would push them deeper into debt and impact their academic choice. See story, page 5. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

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2
BEYOND TARGET
The Calgary Police Foundation celebrated surpassing its $10-million fundraising goal by unveiling a new donor wall at police headquarters. The foundation, launched in October 2012, focuses on community partnerships.

3
SUPREME ABSENCE
North Korea's ruling party turns 69 on Friday and the world is watching for Kim Jong Un, whose absence from the public eye lately has fuelled rumours that all is not well in the secretive country.

4
ZAHRA KAZEMI
Over a decade after Canadian citizen and photographer Zahra Kazemi died in Iran after being allegedly tortured and sexually assaulted by State authorities, the Supreme Court of Canada will render its decision in the appeal of her estate vs. Republic of Iran.

5
BIGGER LEAGUES
After playing a teacher turned big-time meth dealer on Breaking Bad, Bryan Cranston is set to star in The Infiltrator, a thriller about the world of international drug trafficking.

Minister's staffer queried on 'anti-abortion porn' support

Tacit endorsement?
'It's a reflection of the standards of the minister that hired that employee,' father says

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Fed up with graphic images of bloody fetuses being displayed in public and delivered to private homes, a Calgary father is questioning why an assistant to the federal health minister is applauding such tactics and expressing support for the anti-abortion group behind them.

Brent McConnell said he was shocked to find a graphic postcard from the Canadian Centre for Bioethical Reform (CCBR) pushed through the mail slot in his northwest Calgary home this summer.

His only relief was that he picked up the document before his 10-year-old daughter or five-year-old son had a chance to see the gruesome images he described as "anti-abortion pornography."

It would be clearly illegal, he noted, to distribute "anything close to that, in terms of its graphic intensity, if it had to do with sexuality," and yet these types of distributions are a regular practice of the anti-abortion organization.

The Calgary teacher said he was just as shocked, however, when he started looking into the CCBR and found a staffer for Health Minister Rona Ambrose supporting the group's more controversial actions online.

Daniel Gilman, who is listed in the federal government's employee directory as an assistant to Ambrose, said in a tweet last year he's "thankful" for the CCBR "project" that involves hanging graphic banners from overpasses above major roadways, including Deerfoot Trail in Calgary, where earlier this year a minor car crash occurred below one of the banners.

In a tweet on Wednesday, Gilman said he "just got off the phone" with CCBR communications director Jonathon Van Maren about Van Maren's work

Daniel Gilman
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The sign in this highway banner could read: "Your Tax Dollars at Work." Thankful to @CanadianCBR 4 this new project.
ABORTION KILLS CHILDREN

Daniel Gilman, listed in the federal government's employee directory as an assistant to Health Minister Rona Ambrose, tweeted that he's "thankful" for this "project" that hangs graphic banners above major roadways. (The image has been digitally blurred by Metro.) SCREENSHOT/TWITTER

combating sex trafficking, pornography and abortion.

"I am convinced we will win these three battles," Gilman tweeted.

Reached Thursday, Gilman told Metro his conversation with Van Maren "was not about his work with CCBR" and said he's "unfamiliar" with CCBR's latest campaign that saw graphic images affixed to doors in northwest Calgary, including at least one private daycare in a home where young children found them.

Gilman also said his personal beliefs and actions are not a reflection of his employer.

"Many of us are involved in volunteer work or activism on issues that are not endorsed by our bosses and that's OK, because our bosses realize that we are individual human beings," he said.

McConnell said he believes "everybody has a right to participate in democracy " but also believes there are many professions where people are "held to higher standards" of behaviour both on and off the job.

"As a teacher, I'm held to a higher standard in how I would choose to protest or make my voice heard on different issues," he said. "I think that being a member's assistant to a parliamentary elected official — a cabinet minister — also holds somebody to a higher standard."

Ambrose "was not aware" of Gilman's support for the CCBR, according to the minister's communications director Cailin Rodgers, but doesn't have a problem with it either.

"The Minister understands people have their own privately held views and knows that in her office there are people with a diversity of views on this issue," Rodgers said by email.

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SHC preps with mock Ebola scenario

Simulation. Physician to play role of infected patient as staff run through procedures

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Staff at Calgary's South Health Campus will deal with a mock Ebola scenario on Friday, with a doctor playing the part of an infected patient.

The simulation is part of ongoing exercises to prepare for what health officials stress is an unlikely event, but one for which SHC senior operating officer Lori Anderson said is worth rehearsing.

The new hospital at the city's southern edge was purposedly built with surplus isolation rooms and has been designated as the go-to site in the event that any adult patients show up with Ebola-like symptoms in southern Alberta.

The Alberta Children's Hospital, meanwhile, is the designated site for any children with Ebola symptoms, Anderson said. In the northern regions of the province, the University of Alberta Hospital and Stollery Children's Hospital are the designated facilities.

EMS responders have also been given new procedures on how to deal with a suspected Ebola case, including specialized instructions if a patient arrives at the Calgary International Airport.

When it comes to dealing with potentially infected travellers, airport authority spokesperson Jody Moseley said employees there would take direction from the Public Health Agency of Canada, which announced new measures this week including the stationing of quarantine officers at six major airports, Calgary included.

In its memo to EMS staff, AHS said ambulances may be required to drive right up to a recently arrived plane "if a patient is to be quarantined directly from the aircraft."

The memo also instructs ambulance drivers to not park in ambulance bays when arriving at a hospital and to lock the vehicle's doors when they get out so no one accidentally goes inside during the patient transfer.

Anderson said the procedures are meant to ensure "a direct passage that would be isolated in and of itself" to the patient's isolated room.

EMS workers then also have to go through an extended decontamination process before returning to duty.

Even the final steps of removing protective gowns, gloves and masks, known as doffing, is "absolutely critical," said EMS spokesman Stuart Brideaux.

Quoted

"Removing your personal protective equipment is key to not inadvertently exposing yourself at the last second."

EMS spokesman Stuart Brideaux

Calgary's South Health Campus, which opened in September 2012, has been designated as the go-to site in the event that an adult with Ebola symptoms shows up in southern Alberta. METRO FILE

CEMA orders more Ebola-protective equipment

Soldiers from the U.S. 36th Engineer Brigade practise putting on protective clothing during a training session at Fort Hood, Texas, Thursday. Calgary, meanwhile, has ordered more protective equipment for city staff. KIN MAN HUI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Calgary has ordered additional protective equipment specifically to protect police, firefighters and other staff, in the event that Ebola ever makes its way to the city.

"Right now we have $1.8 million worth of pandemic equipment on stock," Tom Sampson, deputy chief of the Calgary Emergency Management Agency (CEMA), said Thursday. "We know that we want some different equipment with respect to Ebola. That material has already been ordered and should arrive any day."

By the numbers

$1.8M

The city already has $1.8 million worth of pandemic equipment, according to Tom Sampson, deputy Chief of Calgary Emergency Management Agency (CEMA).

The city's current equipment is "satisfactory" and in line with what the World Health Organization recommends, Sampson added, but the additional gear will "move it up a notch."

"Whenever we're doing something, we err on the side of caution," he said.

CEMA also organized a meeting earlier this week with representatives from the Public Health Agency of Canada, Alberta Health Services, police, firefighters, and city staff in the procurement department to make sure everyone was on the same page with respect to protective equipment and response measures.

"The whole thing behind CEMA is we try to get the parties together," Sampson said. "CEMA gets involved in planning for and being ready to help co-ordinate, in the event that we need to do that."

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Wolfgang Knox addresses students during a rally against proposed market-modifier tuition hikes at Mount Royal University on Thursday. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

MRU students may face tuition hikes

Up to 30 per cent.
Students warn of 'debt sentence'

Dozens of students marched around Mount Royal University Thursday, protesting proposed tuition hikes and pledged to "bombard" provincial officials with letters in the days to come.

The Fight the Tuition Hikes protest was held hours after details trickled out about how hard business, nursing and science students at the budget-battered university could be hit, should the province sign off on the market-modifier hikes.

Students in business administration could face an additional $150 charge per course, a 30 per cent increase.

Nursing students face an extra $100 per course, marking a 20 per cent increase, and an added cost of $50 could be tacked onto science offerings.

The hike, if approved, would make MRU's nursing program the most expensive in the province.

"But it won't be the most expensive in the country … With the shortage of nursing programs in the province, we have to look elsewhere as well," said David Docherty, the university's president, speaking for the first time Thursday about the proposed hikes. "I think we have one of the best programs in the country, we have high demand for the program … And the costs of running such a program are higher."

Students had voiced concerns that details of the hikes hadn't been released, with less than a week before all market-modifier pitches were due to be sent to the province. Docherty conceded his team would have liked more time to talk with students.

"We didn't come up with the Oct. 15 deadline … we've listened and we've tried to modify our proposed modifiers," he said. "The numbers have moved to reflect some of the input."

At the rally, attended by as many as 60 students, blame largely fell on the province.

"Education is not a debt sentence," shouted Wolfgang Knox, who helped organize the Student Empowerment Committee last year in response to budget cuts.

The proposed hikes would not apply to next year's tuitions of students already enrolled in an affected program. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

What's a market modifier?

The province has said market modifiers intend to correct "anomalies" that see an Alberta post-secondary institution charging less than a comparable program offered elsewhere. Generally, tuition hikes in Alberta are tied to the rate of inflation.

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Paid parking in residential neighbourhoods? Maybe

'City-building tool'. Coun. Carra says revenue could be re-invested in neighbourhoods, adds ParkPlus technology makes it possible

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Rob Barclay pays for parking at a ParkPlus machine in downtown Calgary. Other cities are looking to purchase and license the technology for their own streets. METRO FILE PHOTO

Paying for parking on your own street isn't on the immediate horizon, but one councillor says the idea may hold some merit — if the revenues are re-invested directly into the community they come from.

Coun. Gian-Carlo Carra, who sits on the Calgary Parking Authority (CPA) board of directors, said the idea holds potential as a "city-building tool," if it's properly administered.

The plan would involve extending ParkPlus zones beyond the downtown core and into more residential neighbourhoods. Carra said area residents could then register their licence plates and still park for free, while having a "time reservoir" for guests who want to park in front of their homes at no cost, and allowing others to park there at certain times of the day, for a fee.

Calgary is uniquely positioned to accomplish this, Carra added, given the existing capacity of its ParkPlus technology, which other cities are now clamouring to purchase and put to use on their own streets.

"There's this whole sort of intellectual exercise in the urban design world called 'smart parking,' which for the most part is theoretical, until the technology catches up with the theory. In Calgary we actually have the technology."

Carra said at some point "far in the future," residents could forgo free parking.

"If we're able to deliver on tangible improvements from the revenue stream of parking, I think you're going to see people saying, 'You know what? I'll park in my garage, because I want my neighbourhood to be nicer.'"

Calgary's transportation committee will vote on a recommendation Friday to accelerate a comprehensive review of the city's parking policies.

But Coun. Shane Keating, the committee chair, bristles at the thought of paid residential parking.

"I would have extreme difficulty with making a homeowner pay for parking in front of their house," he said. "There may be ways of doing it but … it's pretty tough for me to swallow."

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"(Transit and parking are) two major city-building tools for building the Calgary of the next million people."
Coun. Gian-Carlo Carra

PATs. Local students score higher than peers

Calgary students outscored their peers elsewhere on the bulk of last year's provincial achievement tests, but a senior public-school official conceded Thursday that challenges exist with accommodating huge numbers of learners from abroad.

Highlights for the Calgary Board of Education in the Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT) results released Thursday included Grade 12 diploma-writing students topping the provincial average in 10 of 11 subjects at what is considered the excellence standard and in eight of 11 subjects at the acceptable standard.

Students in Grade 6 and Grade 9, meanwhile, outperformed other Alberta kids in 16 out of 20 subjects in both the excellence and acceptable standards.

But Cathy Faber, the CBE's superintendent of learning innovation, agreed with comments made to Metro by one of her own principals that a surge of students from abroad has posed challenges for educators.

In the test results, CBE English Language Learner (ELL) students scored higher than the province in just four of 11 subjects on the acceptable standard and three out of 11 subjects on the standard of excellence.

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Redford. Upgrades to 'sky palace' see bill soar to almost $1M: Wildrose

Alberta's Opposition Wildrose party says new documents reveal taxpayers shelled out a lot more than originally thought for the so-called "sky palace."

The province has said it cost $173,00 for design concepts to change the top floor of a government building to a luxury penthouse for former premier Alison Redford.

But Wildrose member Kerry Towle says a freedom of information search reveals that the change orders that result from the new designs brings the total bill to more than $930,000.

The change orders include $45,000 for drapes, $43,000 for stone and porcelain wall and floor tiles, and $97,000 for custom millwork.

Towle says the Opposition also found an order for a $32,000 soap dispenser, but can't determine if it was to be in the penthouse.

"The PC government has a sad track record of failing to put the things that are important to Albertans first, and the Sky Palace continues to show that," Towle said, in a release.

"It's time to send the PCs a message: We need elected officials focused on getting things done for everyday Albertans instead of getting things done for their friends and insiders."

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Expense scandal

The penthouse suite project was shut down this spring when Redford resigned as premier in a mounting scandal over lavish travel expenses.

Soft-soap sell

$32K

The cost of a soap dispenser the Opposition found an order for, but can't determine if it was to be in the penthouse.

CALGARY: PRICING ITS WAY OUT OF PROSPERITY?

IN DEFENCE OF
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Last Friday, we decided to check out a new restaurant. It was pretty full, but we were able to get a table — which we quickly abandoned once we saw the prices on the menu, where the cheapest thing was an $18 burger.

I think the shock came from not knowing we were walking into a high-end restaurant. It certainly didn't seem high-end. We weighed the awkwardness of leaving a restaurant against spending way more than we wanted to on dinner and decided to leave. Was it embarrassing to look at a menu and leave? Not at all. In fact, I wish I did it more often.

But hey, maybe I'm wrong. The restaurant was packed, after all, and if everyone else didn't seem to mind spending $18 on a burger, than maybe it's just me.

Or maybe it's not.

According to BMO's annual debt report released this past July, Albertans currently have the highest household debt in all of Canada. How does a seemingly prosperous province rack up an average debt of $124,838 per household? I'd start at the $18 burgers.

I'm not saying that all restaurants shouldn't charge premiums for their menus. Some restaurants are just charging what their food is worth. But what's of concern is that Calgarians seem so willing to pay it. It would seem that many are now dealing with the increasing pressure of keeping up with the Joneses, and they don't even realize it.

Eating out is one thing, but then I see small condos in Kensington selling for shockingly high prices. A 700-square-foot, one-bedroom unit on the ground floor is selling for $405,000.

Sticker shock

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The cheapest thing on the menu: A burger.

I mean, I get there's money in this city, but is there that much money?

There could be. Most of that building is sold out. But it seems hard to imagine that the high cost of being a Calgarian won't come back to bite us.

As it turns out, it may be happening already. Earlier this week, The Calgary Foundation released its annual Vital Signs report, which revealed that Calgarians have downgraded their own quality of life from a B-plus to a B. And while a B was good enough for me in university, it's a troubling grade for a city that so many Canadians see as one of the country's most prosperous.

According to the report, our homeless levels remain troubling, the rental market is being squeezed, we're well below the national average in terms of senior housing and it's harder to become a homeowner. And while some of those issues could be fixed with simple solutions like secondary suites, let's not forget that much of this city's prosperity is based on the success of one sole industry.

Surely Joseph Arvai — a Calgarian who recently wrote a controversial piece warning that Calgary may soon become the next Detroit — and I aren't the only ones worried about what depending on a single industry could do to our city.

But it doesn't have to be like that. The signs are all there, but are we going to do anything about them?

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Erica Levin. Woman found guilty of bribing juror during husband's trial

The wife of a Calgary psychiatrist convicted of sexually assaulting his court-appointed patients has been found guilty of trying to bribe a juror during her husband's trial.

Erica Levin was charged with obstruction after a juror came forward to say she had been approached by a relative of the accused.

The juror testified this week that she was offered $1,000 if she found Dr. Aubrey Levin not guilty.

The psychiatrist was convicted in January 2013 on three counts of sexual assault against male patients and sentenced to five years in prison.

Jurors at Erica Levin's trial were shown surveillance video of her approaching a female juror at a light-rail transit platform near the courthouse and giving her a note.

Levin, who is 70, told court the note did not contain money, but a suicide note.

She testified she had gone to the transit station with the intent to throw herself in front of a train, but decided not to kill herself when she realized she needed to take care of her cat.

Levin sobbed as she testified that her husband's trial was not fair and that gross inconsistencies in the trial added to her depression.

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Out on bail

Levin remains free on bail until her sentencing in November.

Dalene and Pete Heck sold all their belongings to travel the world in 2009 and haven't looked back. CONTRIBUTED/JEFF CRUZ

Couple on never-ending vacation

World trekkers. Husband and wife nominated as National Geographic travellers of the year

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Some days, work and life make you want to drop everything and leave. It's a fun idea, but when push comes to shove, we all put our heads down and keep on working.

Not Dalene and Pete Heck.

The couple, who used to call Calgary home, picked up and packed their lives into a few suitcases and went. That was in 2009. Now, they are enjoying their lives as perpetual travellers, taking things one step at a time and enjoying the finer things in life — like Paris, where they just lived rent-free by house-sitting.

The Hecks, who have a blog where they chronicle their travels, were nominated for the National Geographic travellers of the year and will be recognized for their savvy trekking in the November edition.

"Yeah, we've done some pretty outrageous things," says Dalene.

Saving $, seeing the world

"It's actually a lot cheaper to live as a traveller than to be settled in one place."

Dalene Heck, world traveller

Oilsands

Environmental agency new, but needs to expand

An official with Alberta's new environmental monitoring program says oilsands growth is already putting pressure on the agency to expand.

Prasad Valupadas says people from Cold Lake and Peace River have been asking the environmental evaluation agency if it can start working in their areas. Both regions have seen substantial growth in oilsands development that the industry the agency was set up to monitor.

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Okotoks

Driver charged after striking, killing dog

Okotoks RCMP have charged the driver of a vehicle that struck and killed a dog in a crosswalk Thursday.

Police were called to Big Rock Trail and Southridge Drive around 8 a.m. Oct. 9 after a pedestrian and a small dog on a leash were proceeding on a walk signal through the crosswalk and a female driver turning left onto Southridge Drive hit the dog. The woman has been charged with failing to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk. METRO

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Boards may press to take reins

Calgary's public and Catholic school boards haven't ruled out steering construction efforts on the latest slate of approved schools in a bid to have the facilities ready faster.

Already, the Calgary Board of Education is using "in-house expertise" to push the completion of 11 new-school projects in hopes of having the doors open for students come September 2016.

The Calgary Catholic School District, meanwhile, has taken the reins on building two of its schools after the collapse of a public-private-partnership plan by the province threatened to delay the opening of kindergarten-to-Grade 9 facilities in the communities of Auburn Bay and Evanston.

Provincial officials surmised it could take up to four years to build some of the 55 new schools announced Wednesday, but Catholic trustee chair Mary Martin raised questions about that timeline.

"Historically, Calgary Catholic has been able to get a school from announcement to opening doors within 18 months to two years," she said. "Should we be responsible for our own builds — and it's certainly something we're capable of doing — I would be optimistic that we might be able to beat that time frame. But, again, this is very preliminary."

The CBE, meanwhile, said it would be working to confirm details of the projects announced Wednesday in the coming weeks.

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Schools on time hustles:

Phase 3 announced.

Association chair says the province should use power to force permits

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Alberta's construction industry has the room to take on an additional $2 billion in new-school projects, providing the province gets moving and takes the lead on securing pesky development permits.

That was the word from Scott Matheson, chair of the Alberta Construction Association, on Thursday, a day after Premier Jim Prentice unveiled what's been dubbed Phase 3 of a 10-year school-infrastructure plan. The "massive" announcement contains an additional 55 new facilities and 20 modernization projects.

But opposition parties remain skeptical, noting actual construction of 50 schools approved by Prentice's predecessor — Phase 2 of the project — has yet to begin.

In addition, the Alberta NDP said Wednesday that 45 modulars are still sitting ready in the Crossfield-area construction yard of Modus Structures, awaiting transfer to school sites.

Metro first reported late last month that more than 50 modulars the province intended to

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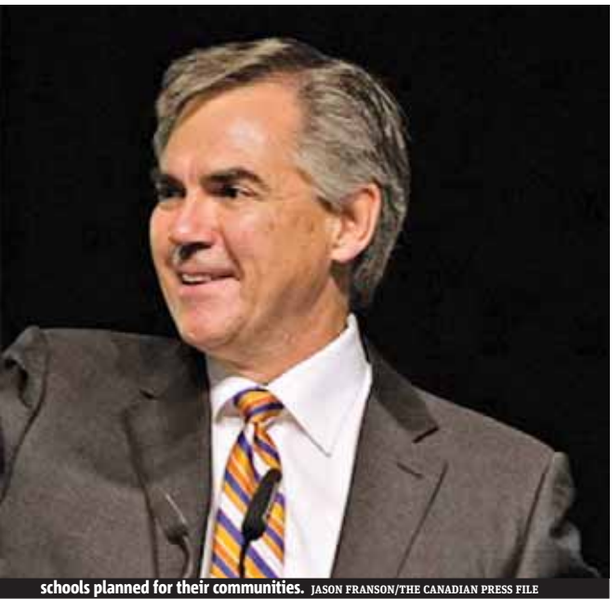

schools planned for their communities. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Good news for west-side parents: Modulars may be coming quick

Parents at a crammed west-side school were provided with a timeline for eight modulars the province has pledged to attach to their kids' existing building.

The eight modulars for Westgate School were announced last month by Premier Jim Prentice alongside four "starter schools." The hope is to have those modular-based schools ready for early 2016 and then to eventually include them in a fully built-out facility.

The Westgate modulars, meanwhile, appear to be on track for a faster unveiling, according to a letter issued by Calgary Board of Education officials on Thursday.

"The CBE is planning to have these units installed for the opening of the 2015-16 school year," officials said in a statement.

But the board didn't rule out having to designate some of the students in Westgate's Spanish program to A.E. Cross School. The hope, however, is that the modulars will prevent some Spanish students from having to spend a year at the deteriorating Viscount Bennett Centre before moving to a permanent home in Glenmeadows School.

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can be if Alta. Builders

have ready for students in early September were in the yard, despite Modus representatives claiming they'd been ready for transport months prior.

The province has pointed the finger at issues with securing permits. Alberta Infrastructure spokeswoman Tracy Larsen said this week that the modulars for the Calgary's West Springs, Saddle Ridge and Light of Christ schools were due to be delivered in mid-October and fully installed by mid-November.

Matheson said the issue dogging the modulars is a common one and called on the province to take the lead on all permitting.

"They're in a better position to deal with it because they can force permits, whereas the construction community obviously can't," he said.

To meet the 10-year target, Prentice's government will need to have all 230 school projects ready by 2021, but Matheson said there's still capacity.

"That's what all of our members are saying ... 'We can handle this.'" he said. "It's a unanimous statement."

On Wednesday, Alberta Infrastructure Minister Manmeet Bhullar said he was willing to consider a range of options for building the schools, including public-private partnerships, design builds and other collaborations. Matheson said all will be needed to meet the planned timeline.

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Legalize it, says CAMH. Feds say, not in the plans

Pot debate. Liberals, NDP applaud position from Canada's largest mental health research centre; Feds say they'll 'increase enforcement'

The Harper government's resolve to enforce laws against marijuana is unshaken by a call to legalize pot from the country's largest mental health and addiction treatment centre.

Justice Minister Peter MacKay said Thursday the Conservative government has no intention of heeding the call of the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health.

Indeed, the government remains committed to going in the opposite direction, said MacKay: finding ways to actually increase enforcement of marijuana laws, including potentially making it a ticketing offence to possess small quantities of dope.

But Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau, who has been championing legalization for more than a year, said CAMH's endorsement of the idea shows he's on the right track while the Tories are ideologically bound to a war on drugs that has proven a total failure.

NDP health critic Libby Davies, whose party supports decriminalization of marijuana, said the Conservatives are becoming increasingly isolated on the issue as more and more public health groups refuse to back their tough-on-pot message.

In a policy statement released Thursday, CAMH said cannabis should be legalized and strictly regulated, sold through a government-controlled monopoly with limited availability and an age limit. The centre concluded that the current legal prohibition on pot has failed to prevent use or reduce the harm it can cause.

That pretty much echoes the arguments that have been made by Trudeau, who has been pilloried by Conservatives for allegedly wanting to make pot more easily available to children.

"Yes, it's nice to see a world-class organization like CAMH come out and agree with (us) and demonstrate that we're on the right track," Trudeau said in an interview.

By contrast, he said CAMH's position shows the Harper government is "trapped in policies based on ideology rather than policies based on evidence and that is harmful to Canadians and to Canada." THE CANADIAN PRESS

MediJean cannabis plant care technician Misad Shazi sprays water on marijuana plants growing at the medical marijuana facility in Richmond, B.C. Canada's largest mental health and addiction treatment and research centre is calling for the legalization of marijuana, with strict controls that would govern who could buy weed, from where, and in what quantity. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Saskatoon

The people want to name that bridge — for $20

Some Saskatoon residents set up their own contest to name a new bridge after a city report said it would need $30,000 to do it.

The group behind the OurYXE podcast launched the site www.namethatbridge.ca, where Saskatoon residents can submit ideas for the Circle Drive South bridge.

The group said in a release Wednesday that it took 10 minutes and $20 to launch the website.

Submissions will be accepted during the nomination phase of the project.

Residents will then be able to vote for their favourite nominations.

Final results will be forwarded to the city and city council.

The group said it's looking forward to reviewing ideas from the public and encourage everyone to submit a name.

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Not guilty. Mountie who watched female inmates have sex in jail acquitted

A Mountie who watched two female inmates have sex in a jail cell in Kamloops, B.C., has been found not guilty of breach of trust by a public officer, but it will likely be months before he learns if he can return to work.

Cpl. Rick Brown was the watch commander on duty in August 2010 when he and other RCMP officers and at least one jail guard viewed the women's sex acts on a closed-circuit monitor.

The Crown argued at trial that Brown should have intervened, but seemed to consider the entire situation entertaining and invited others to watch.

Brown's lawyer told the trial there were no guidelines in place at the time governing what should be done in such situations.

B.C. Supreme Court Justice Selwyn Romilly ruled Thursday that Brown was not out of line in watching the women have sex and prisoners should not expect privacy while behind bars.

Romilly called the case "one of the most bizarre" he'd seen as a judge and was skeptical about whether it should have proceeded even before the trial began last month.

Outside court, defence lawyer Glen Orris said he expected the not-guilty verdict.

"Ever since I've had this file, I've strongly believed there wasn't an offence here," Orris said. "This matter should not have been dealt with criminally."

Orris said Brown plans to go back to work with the RCMP, having spent more than four years on paid administrative leave pending the outcome of his trial.

"He's an extremely good police officer," said Orris. "I like to think this hasn't done anything to his career. We'll have to wait and see what the RCMP does. I hope what they do is welcome him back to work."

Brown said he's still digesting the decision.

"I'll probably just take the weekend to unwind," he said. "It's been a long time — four years."

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Harassment in Winnipeg creeps out Inuk singer

A prize-winning throat singer says she was sexually harassed and called "a sexy little Indian" while in the Manitoba capital recently.

Tanya Tagaq was in the city performing with the Royal Winnipeg Ballet in Going Home Star — Truth and Reconciliation, a production about the legacy of Indian residential schools.

Tagaq said on her Twitter account that she was walking to lunch when a man started following.

"I was in Winnipeg for the ballet, walking to lunch, when a man started following me calling me a 'sexy little Indian,'" Tagaq said on her Twitter account, adding that he crudely propositioned her. "It's disgusting. I'm sick of it."

Using the hashtag MMIW for missing and murdered indigenous women, Tagaq said the harassment was "creepy and scary."

"It happens when we are alone," she wrote. "In the day or night."

Tagaq's record label, Six Shooter Records, said the Inuk singer wasn't available to comment Thursday.

The encounter resonates in Winnipeg where many are still upset and angry over the killing of 15-year-old Tina Fontaine, whose body was pulled from the Red River in August.

Polaris Prize winner Tanya Tagaq
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Her death, which has been ruled a homicide, sparked renewed calls for a national inquiry into almost 1,200 missing and murdered aboriginal women.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper has dismissed the calls and has said Fontaine's death was a crime and not a sociological phenomenon.

Tagaq has talked openly about the fear among aboriginal women and that her daughters are four times more likely to be murdered than a non-aboriginal woman.

The Inuk singer recently won the Polaris Music Prize after a performance that featured the names of some of Canada's 1,200 missing and murdered aboriginal women. The award is given annually to the best full-length Canadian album based on artistic merit.

She later lamented her statement was overshadowed by her speech in which she took aim at animal welfare group PETA for opposing the Inuit seal hunt.

"I had a scrolling screen of 1,200 missing and murdered indigenous women at the Polaris gala, but people are losing their minds over seals," she tweeted last month following the award ceremony.

Her most recent tweets about being harassed in Winnipeg have prompted an outpouring of anger, sympathy and support.

"Good for you for posting about this — people need to wake and treat these incidents seriously," tweeted Julie Lamoureux. "I'm sorry this happened to you."

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Magnotta trial. Autopsy was difficult to perform, says forensic pathologist

The jury in Luka Rocco Magnotta's first-degree murder trial has begun hearing the testimony of the forensic pathologist who performed the autopsy on the remains of Chinese student Jun Lin.

Yann Daze says the task was difficult given the body was dismembered and the autopsy had to be conducted over five non-consecutive days.

Daze testified that police initially found most of the body in advanced decomposition in the trash behind Magnotta's Montreal apartment building but that the head, feet and hands were missing.

The pathologist also examined tools found in the trash believed to have been used in the slaying, including a knife, a screwdriver, a hammer, a small electric saw and scissors.

The 32-year-old Magnotta has pleaded not guilty to five charges in Lin's slaying in late May 2012, as well as publishing a so-called murder video online.

Daze says he didn't view the video because he knew it was connected to the case and he didn't want to taint his own findings.

He testified Thursday he didn't have any interest in watching the video in any case.

"Frankly, I see enough disgusting things in my line of work, I didn't need to see any more," he told the jury.

Daze explained that conducting an autopsy over five separate days was difficult because pathologists usually do them over consecutive days and know what they are looking for from the start.

When he began the task on June 1, 2012, Daze said he had the majority of the body. Police had found a torso, cut at the neck, shoulders and thighs in a suitcase, as well as arms and legs in the trash.

Daze said the torso was facing upward and was covered in maggots.

He said he also found a piece of paper underneath the torso but fluids coming from the sectioned body part made the note illegible.

The jury has heard previously that Lin's hands and feet would turn up in Ottawa and Vancouver while the head was recovered a month later at a Montreal park.

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Marines arrive at the centre of Ebola crisis

SOS. The 'world is not responding fast enough' to the Ebola crisis says Sierra Leone's president; children are orphaned

Sgt. Joel Miick, left, and Spc. Michael Potts don gas masks while training at Fort Hood. SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS-NEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Six U.S. military planes arrived Thursday at the epicentre of the Ebola crisis, carrying more aid and American Marines into Liberia, the country hardest hit by the deadly disease that has devastated West Africa and stirred anxiety across a fearful world.

At a World Bank meeting in Washington, the presidents of several West African countries struggling with Ebola pleaded for help, with one calling the epidemic "a tragedy unforeseen in modern times."

"Our people are dying," Sierra Leone President Ernest Bai Koroma lamented by videoconference at a bank meeting in Washington. He said the world is not responding fast enough as children are orphaned and infected doctors and nurses are lost. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WHO. Canadian Ebola vaccine is set to be shipped to Geneva soon

The World Health Organization says it is finalizing the paperwork to take possession of 800 or so vials of an experimental Ebola vaccine donated by the Canadian government.

A WHO official says the legal agreement required for the global health agency to accept the vaccine is almost done and the vaccine should be shipped to Geneva next week. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Special freezer required

A hospital in Geneva that will receive the vaccine has had to buy a special freezer. The vaccine must be stored at minus-80 C.

Ebola. Urgent plea for money, doctors: Three west African presidents

The presidents of three Ebola-stricken West African nations made urgent pleas for money, doctors and hospital beds Thursday and representatives of nations gathered for financial meetings promised more help.

President Ernest Bai Koroma described devastating effects of "this evil virus."

Koroma spoke by video from Sierra Leone to an Ebola summit, along with President Alpha Conde of Guinea, and President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf of Liberia, also appearing by video-conference. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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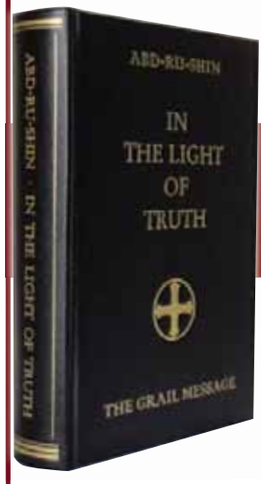

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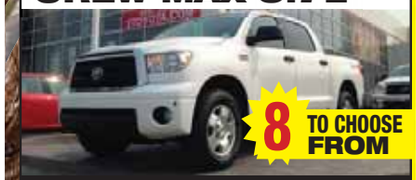

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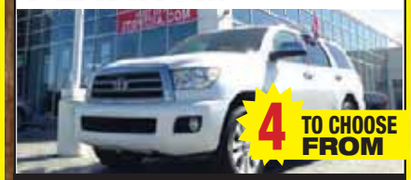

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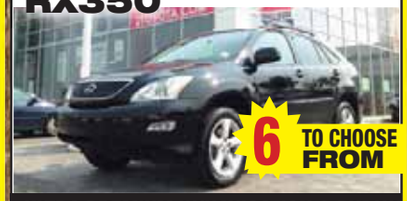

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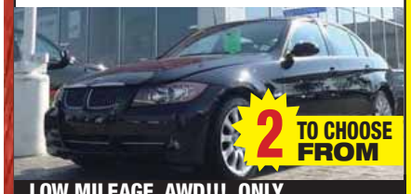

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PBO says Canadians will pay $4.5B more than needed in EI premiums

Ottawa's surplus plans. Budget watchdog also says that reducing EI premiums for small businesses will have negative consequences

The federal government's handling of employment insurance will reduce job creation by 9,000 jobs over the next two years and compel Canadians to pay $4.5 billion more in EI premiums than needed, the parliamentary budget officer (PBO) says.

In an analysis of Finance Minister Joe Oliver's recent decision to freeze EI premiums at a rate higher than needed for the EI account to break even, the PBO says the move will contribute significant extra revenues to Ottawa's plan to run budget surpluses in the next few years.

Finance Minister Joe Oliver ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

After years of budget deficits, Oliver will be in a position to record budget surpluses starting next year.

Instead of using extra EI revenues to balance the federal government's books, Ottawa could use the funds to make EI payments available to a higher proportion of jobless Canadians, the PBO says.

Because of the increase in part-time jobs that don't qualify for EI and an increase the number of long-term unemployed, only 38 per cent of unemployed workers are receiving EI payments, the report notes.

The study also takes aim at Oliver's recent decision to reduce EI premiums for small businesses, which will cost Ottawa $550 million over two years.

The PBO estimates this move will add only 800 net new jobs in the economy between now and 2016, which means the jobs are being created at an average cost of $550,000 per person-year. This is a sharp contrast to Oliver's prediction of the impact of the EI cuts for small business. He cited a report saying the move would produce thousands of new jobs during the next few years.

The PBO said the impact on job creation or job losses of current federal EI policies will even out over the long term because of the government's commitment to adjust EI premium rates after 2016 so that the EI fund will operate on a break-even basis. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Small businesses

The PBO also says the new jobs resulting from the small business EI reduction will be more than offset by the impact of keeping overall EI premium rates higher than needed for the EI account to break even. This approach will reduce the ranks of the employed by 10,000 over the next two years, the analysis said.

CF-18s, surveillance planes off to Kuwait in ISIS fight

Canadian fighter jets and surveillance planes headed for battle with Middle East militants have a place to land in Kuwait, but it is still unclear to whom they will report on a day-to-day basis as the coalition air campaign unfolds.

In 2011, when Canadian planes took part in airstrikes in Libya, they were part of a NATO-led, UN-sanctioned command structure. That's not the case, however, in the campaign against the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS).

As a result, the question of ironing out the chain of command has been changing daily ever since Parliament gave the green light for the combat mission earlier this week, several defence sources said Thursday.

Gen. Tom Lawson, Canada's chief of the defence staff, will attend a high-level meeting next week among coalition military commanders, The Canadian Press has learned.

The two-day Washington conference, hosted by U.S. Joint Chief of Staff Gen. Martin Dempsey, is expected to hash out details of a follow-on ground campaign to dig Islamic State fighters out of the territory they've captured in northern Iraq.

Ultimate accountability for Canada's CF-18s always rests with Lawson and the Canadian government, but which U.S. unit and commander will decide what missions they fly is still in flux.

It took the government a few days to finalize a status of forces agreement with Kuwait. It will likely be about three weeks before Canada's assets — six CF-18s, two CP-140 Auroras and a C-150 refuelling aircraft — are in place.

New Democrat foreign affairs critic Paul Dewar says the delay makes a mockery of the government's reasons for shutting down debate earlier this week on the motion that saw Canada join the U.S.-led coalition in Iraq. This sort of political flame-throwing has made the military wary of getting out in front of the government in terms of planning for an overseas base.

"Things within Canada were absolutely being prepared; planes, maintenance; those kinds of things," said retired colonel George Petrolekas.

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A CF-18 sits loaded for flight at Camp Fortin on the Trapani-Birgi Air Force Base in Trapani, Italy, on Sept. 1, 2011. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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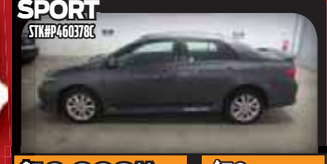

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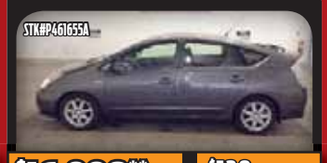

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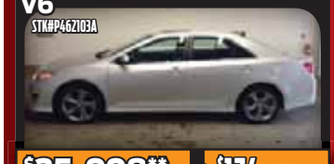

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India-Pakistan border fight leaves villagers terrified

In the crossfire. Frightened people on both sides say they are fed up with the cycle of violence

Troops trading heavy fire between Pakistan and Indian-controlled Kashmir have plunged civilians on both sides into grief with 18 villagers killed and dozens wounded this week, prompting many to question how two nations committed to a 2003 ceasefire could be targeting civilians while trading blame about who started shooting first.

Iram Shazadi was making breakfast for her family Monday when bullets started whizzing through her dusty Pakistani village of Dhamala Hakimwala — about half a kilometre from the border with the Indian-administered portion of the disputed Himalayan region.

A mortar shell fired by Indian border forces slammed into her home and killed her mother-in-law and two sons, aged five and eight.

"I lost my whole world," the injured 30-year-old said Wednesday at a military hospital in Sialkot. She sat crying next to her six-year-old son, who narrowly escaped the blast.

On the Indian side, farmer Gulshan Kumar spent Tuesday night huddled with his family while mortars from Pakistan fell on his village of Chilyari.

"A shell landed in our neighbour's home, killing a 70-year-old woman and her 32-year-old daughter-in-law," Kumar told reporters.

The fighting over the past four nights marks the worst violation of the 2003 ceasefire accord brokered between India and Pakistan after several years of almost-day border battles, officials on both sides say.

While minor skirmishes have been somewhat common over the years, many were shocked that this week's fighting fell over the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha and left civilian casualties — nine in Pakistan and nine in India. The tally includes two women killed early Thursday after fresh fighting erupted overnight, according to Press Trust of India.

Tens of thousands of villagers have fled their homes on both sides since Sunday night, when the violence first erupted along the 200-kilometre border between Pakistan's Punjab province and the Indian-controlled portion of Kashmir.

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Seeking peace

Panicked villagers on both sides said they were desperate for peace.

- "I have been seeing these clashes since my childhood" said 35-year-old Rehmat Bibi in Dhamala Hakimwala, where homes are now pockmarked by bullet holes and streets are largely deserted. "We are living in a state of fear."
- The clashes come despite stated desires by both governments on improving ties. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi said he wanted to engage Pakistan and even invited its prime minister, Nawaz Sharif, to attend his inauguration in May.

Marking the end of communist Germany

On Thursday, people light candles in Augustplatz square in Leipzig during commemorations marking the 25th anniversary of the mass protests there that preceded the fall of the communist government of East Germany. On Oct. 9, 1989, following weeks of protests that had resulted in beatings and arrests by police, 70,000 protesters demanding greater freedom marched unopposed through the city in a historic event that signalled the beginning of the end of the communist government's authority. SEAN GALLUP/GETTY IMAGES

Kuzya the tiger

Siberian tiger released by Russian president strays into China

A rare Siberian tiger released into the wild by Russian President Vladimir Putin has strayed into China and may be in danger, Chinese media said Thursday.

Russia informed Chinese forestry officials that the tiger, tagged with a tracking device, was observed in a nature preserve in northeastern China's Heilongjiang province.

Officials were removing possible traps and setting up more than 60 cameras in hopes of locating the tiger. The Russian president was photographed in May releasing the 19-month-old cub, named Kuzya, and two other Siberian tigers in a remote part of the Amur region.

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Alaska

No charges in fight involving Palin family members

Police in Alaska say no charges will be filed in connection with a fight that broke out at a party attended by family members of former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin. Palin's oldest daughter, Bristol, was among those interviewed by police.

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Hockey Canada's female council chair Joanne Hughes of Cole Harbour, N.S. will be at the rink over the next few days, along with 15,000 players taking part in World Girls' Hockey Weekend. Contributed/Hockey Canada

Thousands play in World Girls' Hockey Weekend

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When Joanne Hughes was growing up in Fredericton, N.B., playing hockey wasn't an option.

She played plenty of sports, and "all the girls figure-skated," but there weren't any female hockey teams.

Now you might run into Hughes in any given rink across the country or around the world, always with a friendly smile on her face, whether she's watching a minor hockey game alongside parents or watching Canada's National Women's Team in action.

The female council chair for Hockey Canada's board of directors, who now lives in Cole Harbour, N.S., will be out and about at arenas over the next few days for World Girls' Hockey Weekend, which takes place Oct. 10-12 in partnership with the International Ice Hockey Federation. "We will have 15,000 players doing events all the way across the country, 6,000 in Ontario alone," Hughes said of the fourth annual event, meant to get more girls and women involved in a historically male-dominated sport, whether as players, fans, or like Hughes, as volunteers.

Activities include free Esso Fun Days to give females new to the game a chance to try it out, skills sessions for more experienced players, coaching and officiating clinics, as well as the second annual Long Game on Saturday, with the puck drop at 9:30 a.m. in Stephenville, N.L., and the final faceoff at 7 p.m. in Whitehorse, Yukon. More than 2,000 female players on 98 different teams will play in five continuous games at the atom, peewee, bantam, midget and senior levels. Over the past decade, female registration has climbed from 60,000 to 86,612 last season.

Newfoundland

Boy, 11, stabbed at game, recovering

An 11-year-old boy who was stabbed on an athletic field in Newfoundland is recovering at home and talking to his mother about playing soccer again.

The president of the Conception Bay South Soccer Association says he spoke to the boy's mother on Wednesday night about her son's progress since he was stabbed on Sept. 25.

The incident happened during a routine evening skills clinic at the sports centre in the community west of St. John's. Officials have said about 60 players were on the field when a man rushed into the playing area. Nicholas Layman, 19, has been charged with attempted murder. He is undergoing a psychiatric assessment. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Denver

Bear food thief trapped in car

A hungry black bear thought it had found an easy meal inside an unlocked car in suburban Denver. But after getting the food leftover bag left inside, the bear couldn't manage to get out and ripped apart the sedan's interior.

A photo shows the trapped bear looking frantic in the car Monday in Castle Pines. It looks almost as if it wants to drive away, albeit from the passenger's seat. Wildlife officers eventually freed the bear.

Bears are common in the area, drawn to berries that are plentiful after a wet year. However, bears need to eat 20,000 calories a day — the equivalent of 38 hamburgers — as they prepare for hibernation.

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Girl, 10, faces ban from Grade 3 class for wearing a scarf

Dress code. Principal insists head scarves are prohibited, other than for religious reasons

They're pretty and they serve a practical purpose — keeping her bangs out of her eyes.

But officials at Jamie Mitchell's school have told her that if she keeps coming to her Grade 3 class wearing a scarf, "she will no longer be welcome," her mother, Erin, said.

The 10-year-old said she's worn hairbands in the past to deal with her long hair, but finds the scarves work better. "I kinda like to wear them."

But Alain Blais, principal at Lloyd George elementary in Kamloops, B.C., where Jamie has attended since kindergarten, has told the family the scarves violate the school's dress code. He told Erin Mitchell that her daughter would be allowed to wear a scarf only for religious reasons.

The principal, new to the school after moving from Alberta, said his position comes from his belief that rules are rules, and it is respectful to remove hats or headwear when entering a building.

"I don't like that we have to go 50 km/h in town, but that's the rule," Blais said in an interview. "At some point, there's no point arguing. I don't understand the purpose of not following the rules."

Blais said the restriction is needed to deal with students who wear tuques or hoodies, zipped up "so they hide their faces and the teacher can't see if the students are learning."

"I feel one of the things we are doing is preparing students to be in a workforce, and you don't wear headgear in the workforce," he said, noting the policy also addresses the wearing of gang colours.

As for Jaime, she said the scarf just keeps her bangs off her face. "I like wearing it. And I'm getting 10 more of them."

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Official support

Principal Alain Blais said he emailed principals at other schools in the city and, of those who replied, all agreed with his interpretation of the dress code.

John Churchley, assistant superintendant of the Kamloops-Thompson School District, said all schools have a dress code, but must respect the Charter of Rights and Freedoms as it relates to religious headgear.

Jaime Mitchell, 10, and her mother Erin have been told head scarves violate the school's dress code, so she must stop wearing them. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quebec pension fight

Firefighters face criminal charges after Montreal City Hall rampage

Charges have been laid against 13 Montreal city employees — including 11 firefighters — following a rampage during a municipal council meeting in August. The charges include illegal assembly, mischief and assault.

A total of 57 workers are now facing criminal charges in the Aug. 18 incident, when protesters burst into city hall and forced politicians to flee as demonstrators threw documents and other objects from desks.

Six firefighters have already been dismissed for taking part in the protest over proposed provincial changes to public-sector pension plans. Under the changes, workers would contribute a higher percentage to their plans.

The Montreal firefighters union has called for a boycott of the world police and firefighter games to be held there in 2017.

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Explosion injures three at pellet plant in B.C.

Three mill workers were injured Thursday in a fire and explosion at a northern British Columbia wood pellet plant, which was the site of a less serious explosion two years ago and was recently fined for "repeated" safety violations.

Leroy Reitsma, the president of Pinnacle Renewable Energy Inc., said the incident happened at about 8 a.m. at a facility operated by the company near Burns Lake.

One worker suffered serious injuries and two workers received minor injuries, said Reitsma, although he declined to offer more details about their injuries. The RCMP described all three workers' injuries as serious but not life-threatening.

Reitsma said the fire and explosion originated inside a drying machine during a maintenance shutdown, but said it was far too early to speculate about the cause. The company is investigating and WorkSafe BC had dispatched prevention officers to the scene.

The wood mill industry has been under increased scrutiny since two fatal explosions in 2012 at facilities in Burns Lake and Prince George. Both explosions were linked to the presence of combustible wood dust.

Reitsma said the company still did not know what caused Thursday's fire and explosion, but he said the fact it occurred inside a piece of equipment appeared to set it apart from issues related to the buildup of wood dust.

The plant was the site of another explosion in 2012, Reitsma said. No one was injured in that incident, which was in a different area of the plant.

The company has been cited several times in the past year for dust buildup at several facilities, including the Burns Lake plant. The WorkSafe BC website indicates two fines were handed out to the company in May, both for about $49,000.

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WikiWash contributors from Metro News, The Working Group, The Center for Investigative Reporting and Google at the WikiWash launch Thursday evening. JESSICA SMITH CROSS/METRO TORONTO

WikiWash targets transparency in Wikipedia entries

Tracking changes. Metro and industry partners came up with project to shine light on wiki edits, enhance journalism

JESSICA SMITH CROSS
Metro in Toronto

Call it the spin cycle: powerful people and groups using Wikipedia for PR, entering the most flattering information and hiding controversies, despite the best efforts of the site's army of editors.

One part of the solution is a new tool called WikiWash, and it went live on Thursday evening. Metro News, The Working Group (TWG), the Center for Investigative Reporting (CIR) and Google launched WikiWash with a party at TWG's headquarters in Toronto.

The idea was spawned by a group of journalists from Metro News at the TechRaking Toronto conference hosted by CIR, The Canadian Press and Google Canada in March.

The idea won the competition, in which participants were asked to come up with technical solutions to data-journalism problems. Part of the solution to the spin cycle is improving transparency.

The talented minds at TWG, a web and mobile-app developer that also has an office in New York, created WikiWash from Metro's idea, and the result is a free tool available at wikiwash.metronews.ca. Enter a Wikipedia page, and WikiWash shows you its most recent edits, which users can see in real time, while a downloadable database shows who made edits and when.

Chris Eben, managing partner of The Working Group, said WikiWash and tools like it are meaningful for journalism.

"The future of news depends on organizations having the skills to develop new tools and technologies that support journalists in their pursuit of stories," he said.

Joaquin Alvarado, CIR's CEO, agreed: "Journalism has more to gain from technological innovation and deep community engagement than any other sector in the media," he said. "WikiWash captures the essence of designing around a need not yet being met, as well as the opportunity to engage the local community in improving journalism."

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Off-duty cop fires 17 rounds and kills black St. Louis teen

Truth in the middle?
Police chief says 'aggressive' teen shot first; friends and family say the man, 18, was not armed, despite contrary evidence

An off-duty cop fatally shot an 18-year-old man who opened fire during a chase in south St. Louis, sparking loud protests in the area, police said Thursday.

St. Louis Police Chief Col. Sam Dotson said the 32-year-old officer was patrolling the neighbourhood for a private security company late Wednesday when the shooting happened.

The officer said three men in the street ran away when they spotted him, Dotson told reporters at a news conference early Thursday. The way that one of the men ran — grabbing at his waistband, slightly lopsided — indicated that he was carrying a weapon, so the officer chased him, Dotson said.

The man approached the officer in an aggressive way, an altercation ensued and the man fired at the officer, the police chief said. The officer returned fire and killed him.

Ballistic evidence recovered from the scene indicates that the man fired three rounds at the officer before his weapon jammed, Dotson said, adding that the gun was also recovered.

The officer fired 17 shots, Dotson said. He said he didn't know how many of those shots hit the suspect or why the officer fired that many shots. The officer was not injured.

"An investigation will decide if the officer's behaviour was appropriate," he said.

People who described themselves as relatives of the dead man told the St. Louis Post Dispatch that he was not armed.

Dotson described the officer as a six-year veteran of the St. Louis Police Department, and said the man who was killed was 18 years old and black.

Neither man was named.

Hours after the shooting, a crowd gathered at the scene near the Missouri Botanical Garden. Some shouted "Hands up, don't shoot" in reference to the fatal shooting in August of an unarmed black man, Michael Brown, by a white police officer in nearby Ferguson. That shooting led to weeks of sometimes violent unrest in the St. Louis suburb. Officer Darren Wilson has not been charged.

Dotson said police "showed great restraint" Wednesday night as the gathered crowd shouted obscenities at them,

No demonstrators were arrested and by 1 a.m. most had dispersed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Crowds confront police near the scene in south St. Louis where a man was fatally shot by an off-duty St. Louis police officer on Wednesday. St. Louis Police Lt. Col. Alfred Adkins said the 32-year-old officer was working a secondary security job late Wednesday when the shooting happened. DAVID CARSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

After mix-up, same-sex marriage licences available in Vegas

Georgia Covey, left, and her partner, Anna Simpson, waited in line for two hours on Wednesday with other same-sex couples to get their marriage licences, before learning they couldn't get one. JOHN LOCHER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy mistakenly blocked the start of same-sex marriage in Nevada, confusing state officials and disappointing couples hoping to be wed.

Court spokeswoman Kathy Arberg confirmed the mix-up Thursday, saying Kennedy's order was an error he corrected with a second order hours later.

By that time, Nevada officials decided to hold off on issuing marriage licences to same-sex couples until the legal situation was settled.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco declared bans on same-sex marriage in Idaho and Nevada illegal on Tuesday, joining a rapidly growing number of states allowing gay marriages.

Idaho quickly asked the Supreme Court for a delay, while Nevada planned to allow same-sex weddings to proceed.

The trouble arose because Idaho's request to the court included a document from the appeals court that listed case numbers for both states.

The Supreme Court received the request around 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday and Kennedy issued his order about 80 minutes later.

Upon being questioned by reporters, Kennedy issued a new order lifting the hold in Nevada, but left Idaho's in place until 5 p.m. Thursday, pending arguments from those for and against ending the delay presenting their positions on why same-sex marriage licences should or shouldn't be available in Idaho. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Not going quietly

While 32 states have begun granting same-sex marriage licences, some have not.

- **South Carolina.** The state will decline issuing licences until a ruling is made on its state ban.
- **West Virginia.** The attorney general's office won't fight the Supreme Court's ruling on its state ban.

Notice of the Calgary Currie PCAA Annual General Meeting

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Education. Ontario teachers' union defends white privilege workshop

Ontario's largest teachers' union is defending its decision to hold a workshop on "white privilege" at an upcoming convention, saying it has never been afraid to tackle controversial issues.

The Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario, which has 76,000 members, has a posting on its website looking for presenters for a workshop called Re-thinking White Privilege.

"What we're trying to do is spark a conversation about this and raise awareness and a growing understanding about white privilege," ETFO president Sam Hammond said Thursday in an interview. "An example is housing: People of colour feel they are discriminated against, that there is racism in play there when it comes to housing."

The planned workshop has triggered a lot of debate, especially on radio and TV talk shows, said Hammond, who likened the controversy to the union's efforts in the late 1990s to help those in the lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and queer communities get their rights respected. "We got a very similar pushback to that, but when you look at it now 15 years later, we're in a very different environment," he said.

Education Minister Liz Sandals said she had no concerns about the "white privilege" workshop for teachers.

"It's really up to ETFO to decide what seminars they're going to do," she said. "They're an independent organization and they will have a look at what courses they're teaching, I'm sure." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Controversy

Education Minister Liz Sandals ducked the question when asked if children of new Canadians should be taught that the white kids in their classes are privileged. "I can't comment on content that I didn't do," she said.

No one is going to rain on their parade

A protester holds an umbrella on Thursday during a performance on a main road in the occupied areas outside government headquarters in Hong Kong. Talks between the Hong Kong government and student leaders of a democracy protest that has blocked main roads in the Asian financial hub for nearly two weeks are cancelled because they're unlikely to be constructive, a senior government official said Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quebec

Escapees guilty of drug charges

Three prisoners who made a dramatic helicopter escape from a Quebec City detention centre were found guilty Thursday of various charges related to gangsterism and drug-trafficking.

The verdict against Serge Pomerleau, Yves Denis and Denis Lefebvre was handed down in Quebec City. The criminal case was already ongoing against the three when a chopper airlifted them from the detention centre courtyard in June.

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Crime

Alleged cooking oil thieves can't slip past cops

Six men and one woman accused of stealing cooking oil were scooped up Thursday by provincial police in Montreal and Laval and will face charges of robbery and conspiracy.

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Hand in Hand classes feature two teachers and are taught in both Hebrew and Arabic. CONTRIBUTED

Multicultural schools in Israel focus on building a better future for all

Initiative. Hand in Hand co-founder Lee Gordon is working to promote peace through diversity in the classroom

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For Metro Canada

With five schools and 1,200 students across Israel, educational organization Hand in Hand has one ambition — to foster peaceful multiculturalism in Israeli society, starting with kids in kindergarten.

"The goal of Hand in Hand is to create a viable model for shared living in Israeli society," says Lee Gordon, executive director for the American Friends of Hand in Hand. He was in Toronto at the beginning of October to drum up funding for the organization.

"Twenty per cent of Israeli citizens are also Palestinian Arabs," says Gordon. "There's a big divide between Jews and Arabs inside of Israel. It's a segregated society — partly because of the conflict, partly because of language, and partly because there is an Arab public school system and a Jewish public school system."

Gordon, whose background is in social work and educational leadership, lived and worked in Israel for more than 20 years. He saw that the segregated way of life — specifically, the segregated school system — was a serious impediment to building a trusting, collaborative society in Israel. That's what inspired him to co-found Hand in Hand with an Arab colleague, Amin Khalaf, in 1997.

"We decided one way we could really make an impact would be to create a new model of schooling, in which Jewish and Arab children go to school together on a daily basis, year after year," he says. "If you disagree and don't have any common ground, it's hard to solve conflict. If you disagree but have the common ground of attending school together, becoming friends, writing the same exams, you have a human bond." That, he says, makes resolving conflict easier.

The concept was sound, but actually making it happen took months of research and planning. The first schools didn't open until the fall of 1998.

"We started with 50 children in two locations," he says, "a kindergarten class in Jerusalem and a first-grade class in Northern Israel."

Each class is split down the middle: half of the students are Jewish Israeli, the other half, Arab Israeli. There are two teachers, and the instructional time is also split. Students learn half of their lessons in Hebrew and half in Arabic. Since 1998, the organization has grown significantly, with 1,200 students now spread among five schools across Israel. The first class graduated from high school in 2011.

At Hand in Hand schools, the learning opportunities aren't restricted to students in classrooms. In an effort to encourage the atmosphere of collaboration, parents are encouraged to attend school programs and cultural celebrations.

It's all part of the larger goal, says Gordon.

"We want to be a social phenomenon in Israel," he says.

"You can have a diplomatic solution, but unless you have a grassroots, people-to-people partnership as the foundation, peace won't stand. We're part of that grassroots effort."

Influencing young minds

"Fear, anger and violence are undermining shared living. But this is not the case at Hand in Hand. Our preschools, summer programs and community activity continue unabated in our five schools and communities. As we begin the 2014-15 school year, and as our network of bilingual schools and communities expands, so does our message to Israeli society: There is another way."

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Mystery. Appetite for answers about artificial, natural food flavour labels

They help give Coke its distinctive bite and Doritos a cheesy kick. But the artificial and natural flavours used to rev up the taste of processed foods remain a mystery to most Americans.

"Artificial and natural flavours" have become ubiquitous terms on food labels, helping create vivid tastes that would otherwise be lost in mass production. As the science behind them advances, however, some are calling for greater transparency about their safety and ingredients.

Last month, five consumer and environmental groups sent a letter to the Food and Drug Administration in the U.S. expressing their concern about the flavour industry, which determines the safety of its own ingredients. The letter noted that safety is sometimes declared based on scientific data that isn't publicly available.

"If we're eating the stuff, it shouldn't be such a secret," said Lisa Lefferts, senior scientist at Center for Science in the Public Interest, a nutrition advocacy group that was among those who sent the letter. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Unfounded fears?

The call for more transparency comes as Americans pay closer attention to what they eat.

- Many food scientists say the fears are unfounded because the unfamiliar ingredients often just mimic chemical structures found in nature or are used in trace amounts.
- But complaints have prompted companies including PepsiCo and Subway to reformulate recipes.

Hmm, is that a good price? I'll check my smartphone to see if there are better deals

Most Canadians will be armed with their smartphones while shopping this holiday season and likely won't pull the trigger on purchases without launching a few quick searches first, suggests new research released Thursday.

In an online survey of nearly 1,000 Canadians conducted last month, a majority of consumers said they planned to rely on their digital devices while shopping even more than they did last year, according to a report prepared by Tapped Mobile, App Promo and BrandSpark International.

About 72 per cent of moms aged 25 to 54; 77 per cent of male consumers aged 25 to 54; and 79 per cent of young consumers aged 18 to 29 said they already use a smartphone or tablet as a shopping tool in stores. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Shoppers will be armed with tablets, smartphones this holiday season. KAREN BLEIER/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Pop go the Pepsi and Coke sales in Mexico

Going flat? A new tax in Mexico has hit the top pop companies

Both Pepsi and Coca-Cola are fighting tax proposals in California, after similar taxes in Mexico led to pop sales losing some of their fizz. JEFF CHIU/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

No wonder Coke and Pepsi are spending millions of dollars to fight proposed taxes on sugary drinks in California.

PepsiCo reported a higher quarterly profit Thursday as global sales rose, but one weak spot was Mexico. The company said snack sales volume declined by three per cent, hurt by a new tax on junk foods.

Recent declines suffered by Pepsi and Coke in Mexico underscore why the beverage industry is fighting tax proposals on sugary drinks in San Francisco and nearby Berkeley, Calif.

PepsiCo — which makes Frito-Lay chips, Gatorade and Tropicana — reported similar declines in its snack business for the first half of the year, starting when the tax went into effect.

Coca-Cola, which reports its third quarter results Oct. 21, has also reported beverage volume declines in Mexico for the first half of the year, citing a similar tax on drinks. Mexico has the world's highest per capita consumption of Coca-Cola drinks.

Hugh Johnston, chief financial officer for PepsiCo, said in a phone interview that declines in Mexico were in line with what the company expected. To mitigate the impact of the tax, he said PepsiCo plans to target different package sizes for different outlets.

Taxes in Mexico add one peso, about seven cents US, to the cost of a litre of sugary drinks, and five per cent of the price to foods with 275 calories or more per 100 grams.

It's not yet clear whether the taxes' impact on consumption will last or how significant it will be over time. And while PepsiCo monitors such tax initiatives around the world, Johnston said he doesn't expect them to become more common.

Back in the U.S., San Francisco and Berkeley are seeking to become the first cities to pass per-ounce taxes on sugary drinks in the upcoming November election. The measures are being closely watched because many say defeats in the Bay Area, which is known for its liberal politics, would be a major blow to advocates of such taxes as a way to improve nutrition. Similar measures in other U.S. cities have failed.

Health advocates have pushed taxes as a tool to cut consumption of calorie-laden junk food, similar to tactics that have successfully been used against cigarettes. Makers of such products say they are being unfairly singled out. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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On the eve of the Thanksgiving long weekend, we're here to give thanks for the Metro List, your guide to the newsiest news of the week.

THE METRO LIST
Paul Sullivan
metronews.ca

1 **Tried, Tested and True.** Sounds better than "ineffective and out of date." We're talking about the six CF18s that Ottawa is sending to the Middle East to help stamp out the latest terrorist threat. The first CF18 Hornet was delivered in 1982, so this is the defence equivalent of sending a 32-year-old Oldsmobile to war. One last assignment on the way to the recycling depot.

2 **The Last Trip to The Vet.** A poll released this week shows that 84 per cent of Canadians favour physician-assisted suicide, as an alternative to a slow, painful "natural" date with Dr. Death. It sounds good on paper, but this is Canada, where you have to wait up to two years to have a hip replaced. The chances of expiring before you get an appointment are too real.

3 **Mea Culpa.** Speaking of real, Pope Francis is encouraging his cardinals and theologians to get real and figure out what to do about the millions of Catholics who ignore the Church's rules on birth control, sex outside of marriage, divorce, and all that stuff you go to confession for. They can't just mass-excommunicate them, or there would be no one left in the pews on Sundays.

4 **The Good Old Hockey Game, and Then Some.** The puck dropped on the NHL regular season this week and millions of fans said goodbye to their families and descended into the "media room", not scheduled to emerge until June. This year, Rogers brings the full weight of its media empire to the table, with plans to broadcast 553 regular season games plus all the playoffs. We're talking all hockey, all the time. Imagine what happens if more than one Canadian team makes the playoffs; imagine a Canadian team competing in the Stanley Cup final; imagine two Canadian teams… it's easy if you try.

5 **Will It Work on Justin Bieber, too?** Some guy in London, England is trying to put together a crowd-funding campaign to keep Nickelback away from the UK capital. By going to #Dontletnickelback and pledging between $1 and $50, fans of actual music can keep London Nickelback-free. $50, for example will get the guy to send Chad Kroeger an MP3 of his own music. "This way, the band will hear their own music, and likely retire immediately, thereby ensuring the success of our campaign," the website reads. Undeterred, Nickelback releases its eighth studio album in November.

6 **Thanks, But No Thanks.** In an Albany, N.Y., trailer park, Tommy the chimp, a 26-year-old veteran of the entertainment biz, watches TV and waits to find out of a court will grant him human rights. Ultimately, that will give him the right to go live with other chimps in a Florida wildlife sanctuary. While Tommy might prefer Florida to an upstate New York winter, does he have to change species to do it?

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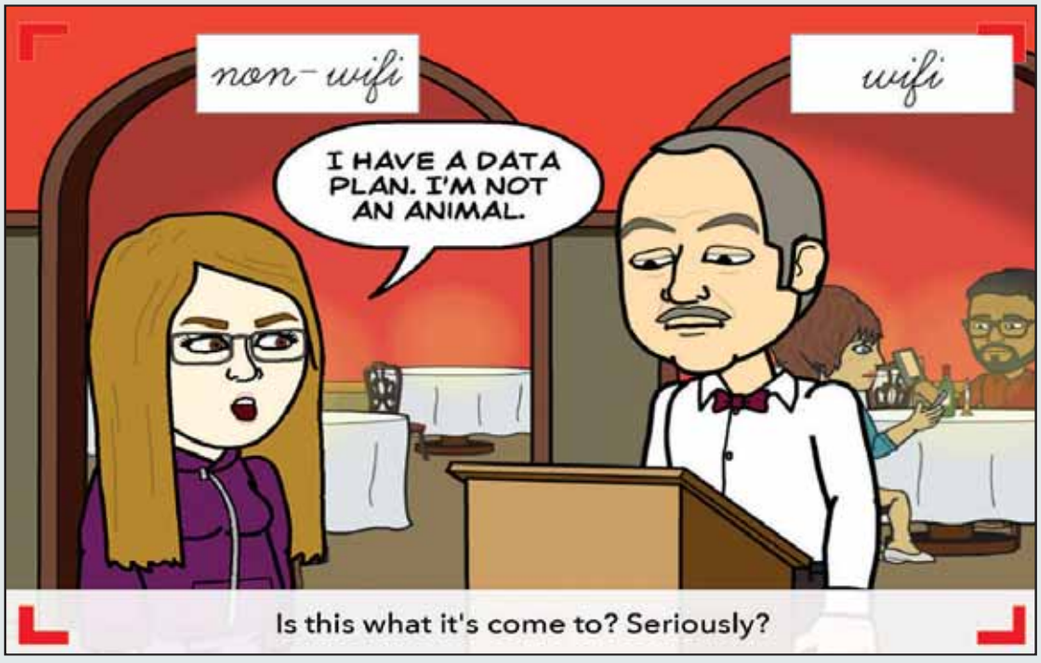

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SCREENGRAB

If you've never heard of a Romo, picture a small remote control tank for an iPhone — it isn't nearly as fun as it sounds. It seems that Japanese hacker Ken Kawamoto feels the same way about the Romo, because he felt the need to improve upon the whole thing by rigging up a camera, a projector and a couple of slick algorithms to recreate a Mario Kart-style racing game that turns any floor into a dynamic track. Amazing. (Kawamoto Ken/YouTube)

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@metropicks asked: A century-old time capsule was just opened in N.Y.C. What would you put in a capsule to capture the zeitgeist of 2014?

@ScotianStrong: A copy of 'The Decline Of Western Civilization', a 1Direction CD & a recording of Floyd Mayweather reading Dr Seuss

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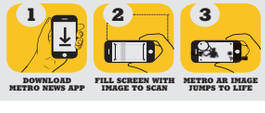

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ECUADOR?

"*Ecuador has long been a well-kept secret, but tourism in the country is growing rapidly. It's the Costa Rica of 15 years ago,*" affirms Mr. Poole.

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Synopsis

Robert Downey Jr. is Hank Palmer, a hotshot defence lawyer who's been estranged from his father Judge Joseph Palmer (Robert Duvall) for years but is forced to see him when his mother passes away. Returning to his hometown of Carlinville, Ind., for the funeral, Hank must confront the life he left behind — ex-girlfriend Samantha (Vera Farmiga), brothers Glen (Vincent D'Onofrio) and Dale (Jeremy Strong) and his cold-fish father. The quick in-and-out trip is extended, however, when the judge is accused of murder and Hank becomes his lawyer.

- Richard: ●●●○○
- Mark: ●●●●○

Old-fashioned drama. Robert Downey Jr. heads up an impressive cast that delivers a solid, if not too original, film

Richard: Mark, The Judge feels like Oscar bait. It's a long movie with a wide story arc that gives its leads ample opportunity to strut their stuff. Downey hands in a solid, if somewhat familiar, performance while Duvall plays elder statesman, resurrecting the alpha male feel of The Great Santini. Both are used to good effect and the supporting cast keeps things humming along despite a story that pushes credulity to the limit. What's your verdict? Were you won over by the performances despite plot holes so big not even Iron Man could fill them?

Mark: Richard, The Judge is a sprawling, square, old-fashioned movie and I loved it in spite of itself. It's a pleasure to watch Downey act without a fifth of a billion bucks in CGI helping him out. The movie reminds us why we fell in love with him so long ago. His perfect wiseass line readings and adolescent smirk hide the softie underneath, and it's great to watch the transition slowly unfold. As for Duvall, how can you go wrong? He's not just an actor now, he's everyone's granddad. The acting in the movie is pretty flawless, and I'm including Vincent D'Onofrio and Vera Farmiga here as well.

RC: The acting is very good. It's the story, or should I say stories, that bogged me down. It's the hardest working movie in show business. It's a film that wants to check all the boxes. It's a family drama! No! It's a romance! Nope! It's a courtroom thriller! It's all those things, and, for me, less because it spreads the focus too thin by trying just a little too hard. Downey and Co. float above it all, however, touching down now and again to introduce a new plot twist and deliver the occasional touching moment.

MB: You're right; it's all those things. And one more: It's a John Mellencamp song. You see, he was born in a small town ... Richard, let's not forget the cliché of the big city slicker who finds out his roots are where his heart belongs. In spite of that, in spite of everything you so correctly enumerate, I still loved the movie. And although I had a pretty good idea how the thriller part was going to turn out, I was engaged to see how it would get there.

RC: Most of the silly stuff that bothered me comes in the form of clues Hank pieces together while forming the judge's defence and the trial itself. There will be no spoilers here, but suffice it to say the whole thing hinges on a bit of information so implausible that it gives new meaning to the term suspension of disbelief. Trouble is, it didn't have to be that way. There were any number of ways to establish the point in question (**OK, here's a mild spoiler alert:** It involves chemotherapy and a cottage) without trying so hard, but that's not the kind of film this is.

MB: But it is the kind of movie where the prosecuting attorney (Billy Bob Thornton) is given a Snidely Whiplash moustache just to make sure we all know he's the bad guy. Doesn't matter. Still loved the movie.

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The film that Renner just 'had to make'

Kill the Messenger. Actor brings to life true story of journalist who alleged a link between the CIA and crack cocaine in L.A.

MATT PRIGGE
Metro World News in New York

Jeremy Renner stars in Kill the Messenger, which opens today. CONTRIBUTED

Jeremy Renner didn't know why Kill the Messenger had to be a movie until he was halfway through it. It tells of Gary Webb, a journalist at the tiny San Jose Mercury News who broke a story alleging a link between the CIA and the sudden appearance of crack cocaine in parts of Los Angeles. What finally got Renner on board was the aftermath, when Webb was hounded for his piece to the point where his career was destroyed. In 2004 Webb was found dead of an apparent suicide. "It was a movie I wanted to do," Renner recalls. "Then it was a movie I had to do."

Still, he found his take on the film evolving as production of the film, his first as a producer, went on. "Before it was about Gary Webb and his plight. I love the David and Goliath story, the everyman in extraordinary circumstances," he says. "Ultimately it became a commentary on where we are today. I wouldn't have known two years ago when we were doing this that whistle-blowing would be such a popular topic right now."

But it was more than that. It also touched on newspapers. "Good journalism is not popular. People don't care about good writing and good investigative reporting. They care about nude celebrity leaked photos. And that's sad," he says. "You can't blame the media, even though I do. They do exacerbate the fire that's already started. But it's people who want to see this stuff."

Playing a journalist meant he had to learn about it. "That was a new thing for me to think about, being on that side of it, rather than having hatred towards it," he says. Indeed, Renner has been hounded by a number of rumours about his personal life, which he tirelessly insists are erroneous. He consulted with Kill the Messenger screenwriter Peter Landesman and his The Hurt Locker author Mark Boal, both former investigative reporters. But he was also concerned with how journalism would look onscreen.

"No one wants to see Gary Webb researching. That's just not fun," Renner explains. "So we had him talk about his research with his editor."

Acting can be a form of journalism, especially if you're playing a real person. He says he didn't meet with Webb's family until he had done his own research into Webb as a person. "He was tenacious and self-righteous and stubborn. Those are attributes but they're also flaws," he says. "That's what I love about Gary Webb: He's unapologetically flawed, and that's what makes him heroic. He accepted all those things about himself."

Without that drive, Renner says, Webb might never have pushed to get these allegations out in the open. Kill the Messenger exists chiefly because Renner's name is familiar to the globe's moviegoers; in fact, he read the script while shooting Marvel's The Avengers.

Renner has that series, plus Mission: Impossible and the Bourne series (though Matt Damon has since reclaimed his role in the franchise). "Doing Avengers movies lets me do Kill the Messenger," he explains. "We do those, then we get to make this movie that no one seemingly wants to make, because it's not easy. No one's throwing money at Kill the Messenger."

Kingpin. Michael K. Williams talks about researching drug lord role

Michael K. Williams. TORSTAR ARCHIVES/GETTY IMAGES

Michael K. Williams made his name with The Wire's Omar Little, the charismatic gangster who made drug lords' lives hell. Since then, he's made sure to keep doing films that touch on important subjects, taking roles in films as diverse as 12 Years a Slave and The Purge: Anarchy, in which he played a rebel leader seeking to help the targeted downtrodden. He does the same in the docudrama Kill the Messenger, playing real-life drug kingpin Ricky Ross, who in the 1990s was instrumental in helping journalist Gary Webb (Jeremy Renner) shed light on alleged CIA involvement in shipping crack cocaine into low-income African American neighbourhoods.

Had you ever heard this story before you got the script?
Never. I was really outraged at the fact that I was that dumb. My neighbourhood was going through its own scandal. My neighbourhood was being bombarded with crack cocaine at the same time. I didn't have time to worry about what was going on in L.A. And let's face it: We don't grow cocoa leaves in South Central L.A. or East Flatbush, Brooklyn. It's coming from somewhere.

How did you prepare?
I got in contact with Rick. I consider him a friend today. He gave me a ton of homework to do. It becomes apparent in the film he's more of a pawn in the situation. He was a fall guy — allegedly.

He comes across as not just another evil drug lord but as sympathetic.
That was very important that came across (that way). (Director Michael Cuesta) supported me in wanting to make sure his voice was heard accurately. (Ross) didn't wake up one day and say, "I'm going to become the best drug dealer in the world." He fell into it due to a lack of opportunities. I'm not condoning his choices. But his options were next to none. This is a man who was allowed to float through the school system uneducated. He aspired to be a tennis player. Where were the educators nurturing this man? Obviously he's not stupid.

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Bella Thorne set to take over the world

Bella Thorne stars in Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day, opening today. CONTRIBUTED

Overachiever. Actress can't vote, but she's already in big films, a published author and has an album

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

Bella Thorne, who turns 17 this week, is about to make you feel like an underachiever. As an actress she's been in a number of TV shows and follows up Blended earlier this year with Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day, playing the less-than-understanding girlfriend of Alexander's older brother. She also released her first album, Call It Whatever, earlier this year, and has numerous endorsement deals. Oh, and she wrote a novel that's coming out next month. Here's a few things you should know about her.

She's a hugger

When you meet Thorne, she invariably greets you with a big hug. "It catches people off guard a lot, more than you might think. A lot of people aren't huggers, which is pretty weird," Thorne tells Metro. "A lot of people, when you hug them, sometimes they get weirded out. And I'm like, 'Look, I don't got a thing about bacteria, I'm not weird at all like that. I have no problem with that kind of stuff.' Actually, my hug is so strong when I stand up, I grab people by the back of their neck and I pull them in really hard for some reason. Like I get so excited that my energy just bounces off the wall. Then they trip or I fall over or step on their toes. Then it just gets awkward."

She doesn't think her Alexander character is unlikable

"She's not unlikable — you love to hate her," Thorne says. "The thing about Celia is she's not mean evil, where you just hate her and you don't want her to be in the film. She's mean in the sense that she's a perfectionist, and perfectionists, when things aren't perfect, what do they do? They get mad and they try to fix it, and they get mad when it's not fixed. And if somebody else says that they're going to fix it and they don't, then they get more mad, I'm pretty sure. That's Celia."

She's about to be a published author

Her debut novel, first in a trilogy, hits bookstores in early November. "Autumn Falls is based around a girl named Autumn Falls who moves to Miami when her father dies, and he leaves her a journal to write in," Thorne explains. "At first she's like, 'Wow, Dad, thanks. Die on me and leave me a journal — that's going to help me.' But what she doesn't realize is that when she writes in the journal, things come to life. But since she's dyslexic, they come to life a little bit wonky and mostly backfiring on her. She's not famous, she's not glamorous, she's not about the hair, the makeup and the heels. She's a real girl. In the book, she makes a lot of mistakes. She's a real human being, and that's what I think a lot of people will like about her."

She has the best method for shutting down predictable questions

Given the content of Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day, it's understandable that most reporters might lead with a question about Thorne's own worst day. "You want to hear my answer? The day my father died," she says flatly. "Any time somebody asks me, which is every interview, that's what I say. I think they're expecting a funny response or a response that most actors would give, but I'm pretty honest, so I'll give you a real one."

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Music/Performing Arts

Kill The Messenger

Director. Michael Cuesta

Stars. Jeremy Renner, Rosemarie DeWitt

Two-time Academy Award nominee Jeremy Renner (The Bourne Legacy) leads an all-star cast in a dramatic thriller based on the remarkable true story of Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Gary Webb. Webb stumbles onto a story which leads to the shady origins of the men who started the crack epidemic on the nation's streets.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 69% **Audience:** + 94%

Family

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day

Director. Miguel Arteta

Stars. Steve Carell, Jennifer Garner

The film follows the exploits of 11-year-old Alexander as he experiences the most horrible day of his young life — a day that begins with gum stuck in his hair, followed by one calamity after another.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 59% **Audience:** + 93%

Drama/Action

Dracula Untold

Director. Gary Shore (IV)

Stars. Luke Evans, Sarah Gadon

Luke Evans (Fast & Furious 6, Immortals) stars in Dracula Untold, the origin story of the man who became Dracula. Gary Shore directs and Michael De Luca produces the epic action-adventure that co-stars Sarah Gadon, Dominic Cooper, and Diarmaid Murtagh.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 29% **Audience:** + 96%

Drama, Action/Adventure

Fury

Director. David Ayer

Stars. Brad Pitt, Shia LaBeouf

April, 1945. As the Allies make their final push in the European Theatre, a battle-hardened army sergeant named Wardaddy commands a Sherman tank and her five-man crew on a deadly mission behind enemy lines. Outnumbered, Wardaddy and his men face overwhelming odds in their heroic attempts to strike at the Nazis.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
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Nashville's newest star is getting used to the country life

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Laura Benanti.
Singer-actress praises Connie Britton's hair and says her co-star is an 'all-around badass'

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Broadway fans may recognize Nashville's newest guest star from her Tony-award-winning performance in Gypsy, but for TV audiences, Laura Benanti might be most recognizable from her turn as the Baroness on last year's immensely popular Sound of Music Live. (Twitter fans will just recognize her as an uncommonly funny Twitter presence.)

She is appearing as Sadie Stone, another in Nashville's roster of talented singer-songwriters trying to make it in the tough world of country singers. We checked in with Benanti about the important things, like how Sadie fits in with the other Nashville-ites, and just how perfect star Connie Britton's hair is in real life.

How would you describe Sadie Stone?
She is a singer-songwriter who's been writing for probably 10 years or so. She's pretty well respected but has never had a big hit on her own. She's recently had sort of a breakout album that's brought her more mainstream success, so she has some decision-making to do in terms of who she's going to allow to shepherd her into the next phase of her career.

How does she fit in with the rest of the crew?
I think so far she's fitting in pretty great. One of the things I like about this show is that they celebrate the songwriter. She's not a flash in the pan. She's been around for a while, and so people think of her as a true musician, and they respect that.

Will she start getting involved in some of the soapier aspects of the show?
As of right now, I have to say she hasn't. It's really been awesome and very interesting. It's been focused less on romance and drama, and more on her career and her friendship with Rayna, her sort of burgeoning friendship with her ... It is Nashville, so I'm sure that it'll turn into something a little bit more soapier.

Now that you've seen it up close, can you confirm if Connie Britton's hair is really as perfect as it appears to be?
It's like the hair is made of angel's wings. It's so gorgeous. I don't really understand it. I don't understand how it exists.

She's just doing something right with it.
Even when she comes in with her hair wet, I'm still like, that's the most beautiful hairdo I've ever seen. And it's just like slicked back. It's maddening.

Does she know people are obsessed with it?
Oh my God, yeah. She thinks it's hilarious.

You've been very vocal about your love of the show on Twitter in the past. Were people excited for you?
It's funny because all my Twitter followers, when I announced that I was doing the show, were like, are you going to be cool? Is Connie Britton going to run away from you? Are they going to have to hire extra security? I was like, ooh, maybe I need to tone down the old obsession meter.

She seems to have been OK with it. Is she showing you around the country scene?
She's taken me to some pretty cool places around Nashville. She's like an all around badass. She's just an awesome person.

Lots of good fortune and a little Bad Blood for England's Bastille

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A few winters ago Chris Wood found himself going door-to-door in London, England, distributing flyers to offer his services as a drum teacher.

It was, as he describes, a chance at getting out of a career of working at a factory. But fate dealt him a kinder hand, as one of the people who saw his flyer was singer Dan Smith.

"So it happened that he was around that time thinking he should get a band together, and it happened to be that same week that I popped up with the flyer," recounts Wood.

"Basically, he rang me up, expecting me to be this 60-year-old man with a beard and he was asking if I had any drum students that would be good, and I was like, 'Nah, dude, I've only got two.'"

And so it goes that Wood — who is affectionately known as Woody — offered his own services and became the drummer for Bastille.

Though the band's success in the States has seemed rapid, there were years of struggle in their home country.

"In America, we were very fortunate in that we skipped some steps that most bands have to go through, like the stage where you are playing for 10 people at this bar, and then you drive 20 hours to play for 10 people at this other bar," he says, noting that by the time they had come to the U.S., their debut, Bad Blood, was already at No. 1 in England.

"In the U.K., though, we've seen it go from the very basic level where we were playing in pubs to where we are now."

Where they are now is actually in the studio. When we speak with Wood, he's literally in the kitchen of a recording studio, where the members of Bastille have just completed seven days of recording on their followup to 2013's smash, Bad Blood.

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Bastille drummer Chris Wood on being recruited by singer Dan Smith

But just because they found success the first time around doesn't mean the four-piece won't tinker with the formula.

"We're using guitars for the very first time," says Wood.

The way that the band members write has also changed.

They're now hammering out ideas together for the songs.

"I say songs, but it's really kind of just ideas right now.

"There are seven or eight at the moment at varying stages of completion," says Wood.

"We'd love to play these songs live, but people would be like, 'Why are you playing this half-finished mess?'"

But the process is still new and exciting for Bastille. Wood recalls that the early Bastille compositions were not as inclusive.

"In the beginning, the songs were all actually written in Dan's bedroom and then we'd go in and rehearse and sort of learn the songs.

"We'd be working all day and then go to the rehearsal space at about 10 at night and play until three in the morning and then get up at seven the next morning to go back to work ...

"It was obvious we all believed in it early on, and we all stuck with it," he says.

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Netflix challenger

Amazon renews Transparent

Amazon has ordered a second season of its original series Transparent, as the online retail giant looks to mount a serious challenge to streaming pioneer Netflix.

Transparent is a dark comedy about a man (played by Jeffrey Tambor) who has transitioned to become a woman and is working out the thorny details of telling his family.

The series — which has generated serious industry buzz — is the creation of Jill Soloway, a writer on cult series Six Feet Under. The first season was released on Sept. 26.

Amazon has recently bolstered its streaming video offerings. But so far, its own original content has not reached the level achieved by Netflix. **AFP**

Crossover star

Scarlett Johansson comes to TV

Scarlett Johansson AFP

The latest Hollywood star to make the crossover from film to TV is Scarlett Johansson.

According to Deadline, the actress will co-executive produce and star in a limited series adapted from the Edith Wharton novel The Custom of the Country. Johansson will play the heroine, who is willing to risk everything to climb the ladder of New York's high society. Aimed at cable networks, the eight-episode program is penned by screenwriter Christopher Hampton (Dangerous Liaisons, Atonement, Adore). **AFP**

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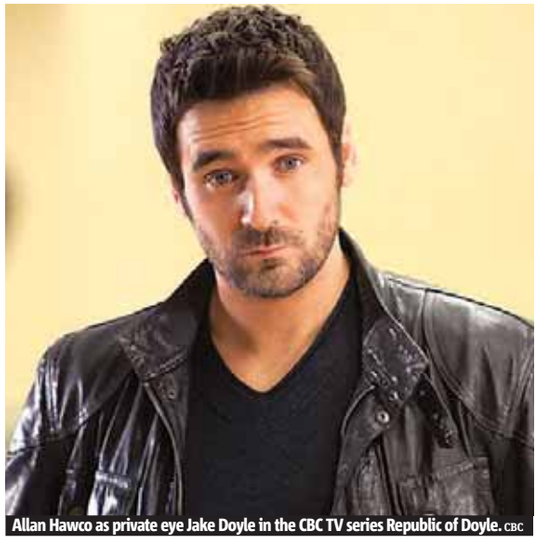

Allan Hawco as private eye Jake Doyle in the CBC TV series Republic of Doyle. CBC

Caught. Republic of Doyle star escapes to new series

Final season

The sixth and final season of Republic of Doyle premieres Oct. 15 on CBC.

After six years of playing private investigator Jake Doyle on Republic of Doyle, Allan Hawco has announced his next step: Playing a fugitive in a new CBC series.

The Newfoundland-born actor has announced he will produce and star in Caught, a drama based on Canadian author Lisa Moore's bestselling novel.

Hawco's production company Take the Shot Productions is teaming up with eOne to produce the series for CBC.

He will play David Slaney, a convicted drug-runner who escapes from a Nova Scotia prison after five years of incarceration.

Set in 1978, the series will follow his cross-country journey to reconnect with his former partner in crime and pull off one more job that would set them up for life.

Moore's novel was inspired by real events and was shortlisted for the Scotiabank Giller Prize in 2013.

Hawco, 37, said Caught represents an opportunity to continue his company's special relationship with CBC. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Live in Berlin. Depeche Mode as brothel creepers

Set in bawdy house

Along with concert footage from the 02 World arena in Berlin, the album due out Nov. 17 will feature an acoustic set recorded at Salon Bel Ami, a famous high-end brothel known for its plush decor.

- The brothel closed in 2011 when its owner was sent to prison for tax fraud.

Depeche Mode's new live album will feature an acoustic session recorded inside a Berlin brothel in footage shot by celebrated rock photographer and director Anton Corbijn.

The British synthpop giants said Wednesday they will release a CD/DVD package entitled Live in Berlin, which features two hours of footage filmed in the German capital during their 32-nation tour.

Corbijn said Depeche Mode enjoyed a strong following in Berlin, which is renowned for its electronic music scene.

"Berlin has a special place in the hearts of Depeche Mode," said the Dutch photographer, who came to prominence through pictures that captured the darkness of Joy Division.

Depeche Mode — which has put out a string of hits since the 1980s including People Are People, Just Can't Get Enough and Personal Jesus — earlier enjoyed success with their 1989 two-disc live album 101 which was filmed at the Rose Bowl stadium in southern California. **AFP**

Horror series lets its freak flag fly

Kathy Bates gives a hair-raising performance on American Horror Story: Freak Show. FX

American Horror Story. New season returns with a creepy carnival freak show

Step right up, ladies and gents: American Horror Story is back for Season 4, complete with a bearded lady, a woman with two heads and another with three breasts.

This installment of the series is called Freak Show and is set in Jupiter, Fla., in 1952. It revolves around one of the last touring companies of physically different humans.

The problem is that business is bad, forcing owner Elsa Mars (portrayed by Jessica Lange) to go to great lengths to assure that the show goes on.

The show's co-creator Ryan Murphy said Lange came up with the concept.

"I think back in Season 1, she said, 'We've got to do carnival, freak shows,' and she kept sending me books," he said.

With his creative partner Brad Falchuk, Murphy eventually embraced the idea. He wanted the show to imbue a spooky, early 1950s sci-fi feel, and he wanted to give Sarah Paulson an impossible role.

She plays the characters Bette and Dot Tattler, conjoined twins who may be the star attraction that Elsa's show desperately needs.

Paulson called the roles "the most difficult thing I've ever done in my life."

She said the characters' heads can't turn to look into each other's eyes.

"And that's a hard thing to do, to act with yourself," Paulson explained. "I like to act looking at others' faces, like Kathy Bates."

The premiere attracted almost all members of the large AHS ensemble, including cast members who are physically different in real life.

They include the two-foot-tall Jyoti Amge, the world's smallest living woman, and Erika Ervin, who, at six feet eight inches, is dubbed "the world's tallest professional model" by Guinness World Records.

And yet there's more to Freak Show than physical appearance.

"I have always felt like a freak, from two years of age on," explained the openly gay Murphy.

"It really is a story of prejudice. And it is a story about people who are not the norm ... who just want to be appreciated and seen for who they are inside and outside." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Ryan Murphy, co-creator on Season 4 of American Horror Story

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Novel salutes 'city of neighbourhoods'

Adult Onset. Author Ann-Marie MacDonald implores fans to 'quit the Toronto bashing'

Ann-Marie MacDonald's long-awaited new novel is set in Toronto's Annex, and she admits it's semi-autobiographical. The book follows the life of an author whose career is on hold while she raises two small children. HANNAH YOON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ann-Marie MacDonald made a carefully calculated decision to showcase Toronto in her new novel Adult Onset, which includes hyper-detailed descriptions of coffee shops, convenience stores and hipster lingerie boutiques in the city's Annex neighbourhood.

"I thought, 'Gee I'm going for it here. I'm really going to set it here, here's Bathurst and Bloor, and this may or may not fly with people,'" the acclaimed author said in a recent interview.

"Because everyone likes to kick Toronto around. Like, internationally, we're known for some very important things but we're not known for our neighbourhoods. And the rest of Canada likes to resent us for some fantasy of what they think Toronto is."

At this point, her thespian background kicks in.

"Folks, just come to Toronto and quit the Toronto bashing," she beseeches.

"It's not simply the marvellous city of the Toronto film festival ... it's also a city of neighbourhoods. "

Inhabiting those neighbourhoods in Adult Onset (Knopf Canada) is MacDonald's protagonist, Mary Rose MacKinnon, a successful author whose career is on hold as she navigates the grindingly relentless routine of caring for her two small children and a dog, while her partner Hilary is out West directing a play.

Amid a fatigued haze of tantrums, meal-making and mundane chores, Mary Rose (whose family call her Mister) ruminates on the past, and how her parents dealt with a childhood health issue that still nags.

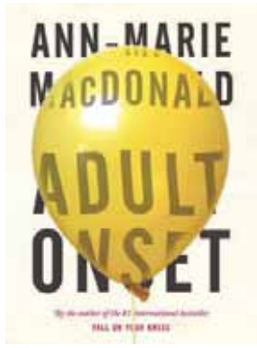
Fans of MacDonald have been eagerly anticipating the novel, the author's first since 2003's Scotiabank Giller Prize-shortlisted The Way the Crow Flies.

She's been far from idle in the interim, busy with film and theatre work, hosting CBC's The Doc Zone, and raising two children with her partner, playwright and theatre director Alisa Palmer (the family is currently living in Montreal).

Although some authors balk at questions about whether their fiction is biographical, the issue seems unavoidable with Adult Onset, which took four years to write.

MacDonald chuckles at the query, saying it's one she's fielded for every one of her books — including her 1996 debut novel, the Oprah Winfrey-anointed drama Fall on Your Knees.

"The truth is that they're all autobiographical," she said. "I was at a cottage late in the summer and someone (asked), 'Who said: Fiction is personal experience transformed?' And I perked up and I said, 'Well I think I did, or I'm going to.' And someone else said, 'It was (Trinidadian writer) V.S. Naipaul who said that.' And I said, 'Well close enough, it's now going to be my quote.' What else are we working with?"



MacDonald, 55, is not suggesting the events in her books "concretely happened," just that they are her "portal onto this world."

She calls Adult Onset an "extraordinary challenge," before asking permission to describe her process in theatrical terms.

"It's almost like I thought, 'I am going to do something very low-tech, I am not going to have a lot of lighting, props, set, costume — bare stage, almost a one-woman show," she said. "Acoustic, there's a stool in the middle of the stage."

But, she added, "Anytime ... you think you're seeing the back wall of the theatre, you think you're seeing a bare stage, you think you're seeing the absence of artifice, it's not true."

The experience of Adult Onset clearly wasn't an easy one. The author jokes that if she ever writes another book, it'll be set "in a land far away in a time long ago."

Despite her long list of accolades, MacDonald confesses to being "tremendously nervous" about the novel's release, which includes a book trailer, something she's wanted to do since Fall on Your Knees. She's also excited about discussing her work publicly, saying the book "doesn't exist" until it's being read.

And she's looking forward to introducing readers to Toronto through her loving descriptions of its neighbourhoods, something she considers a "gift to the people who care" about the city and an "invitation" to those who don't know it well.

"One book feeds another and another and another, until we build up an image bank, such that, down the line, a reader in the Netherlands comes to the corner of Bathurst and Bloor and has a sense of what that is."

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"I thought, 'Gee I'm going for it here. I'm really going to set it here, here's Bathurst and Bloor, and this may or may not fly with people.'"

Author Ann-Marie MacDonald, on her new novel, Adult Onset, set in Toronto

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Caribou. Our Love follows thread that started in Swim

Caribou's Dan Snaith is a math guy, methodical and curious, but even he seems a bit mystified by his oblique career path.

Over 13 years, the Dundas, Ont.-raised Snaith has released whole albums devoted to cerebral house, sunny shoegaze, pastoral electronica, and bubbly psychedelia, music that burrowed into the 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s with record-nerd zeal and excess technical finesse.

But in 2010, with Swim's ornately decorated dance music, he found something miraculous: a sound that held his interest.

So instead of unravelling things again four years later, Snaith has followed that thread and created the plushly absorbing new album Our Love.

Caribou's Dan Snaith has released a new album called Our Love. CONTRIBUTED

"Swim was the first time I thought, well, I've carved out my own little patch of musical territory here. It sounds like me. It's more personal to me, the lyrics were kind of personal for the first time, the sound seemed my own. It was obviously influenced by things but not totally referencing some particular thing," Snaith said recently in a telephone interview from London.

"And because of that, it felt like it was a bunch of doors or options or paths that I could take opening, rather than the end ... I kind of see (these records) as siblings. They're not the same thing, but they're related to one another."

For Snaith's talk of fractured through-lines, Our Love feels eerily like a tapestry of the disparate designs he assembled over the years. Although standout singles abound — celestial Silver, pledge of allegiance Can't Do Without You and the gorgeous, tortured Back Home among them — the album as a whole smears into a dreamy reverie, so consistent is the wistful mood. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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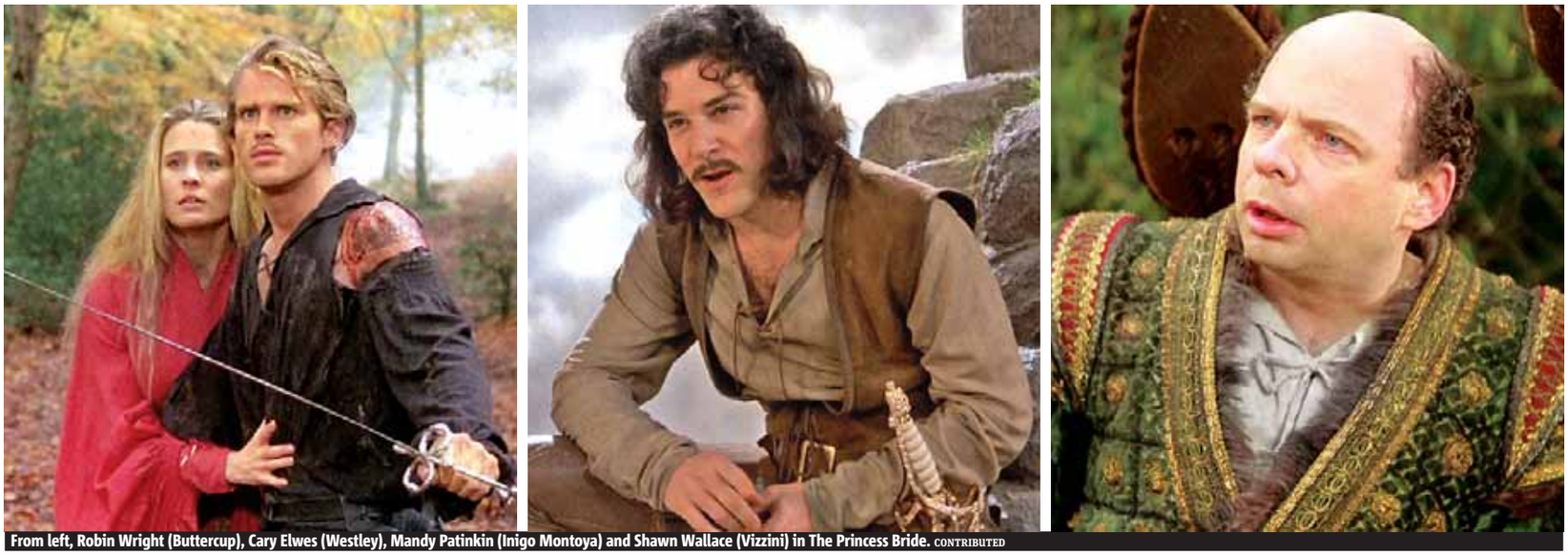

From left, Robin Wright (Buttercup), Cary Elwes (Westley), Mandy Patinkin (Inigo Montoya) and Shawn Wallace (Vizzini) in The Princess Bride. CONTRIBUTED

Memoir of having fun storming the castle

As You Wish. Cary Elwes tweasures his wuv of playing Westley with tales from the making of The Princess Bride

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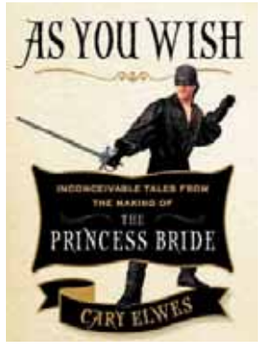

For a certain subset of the population, the phrase "as you wish" has some pretty magical connotations. It's the coded phrase Westley says to Buttercup throughout The Princess Bride that she eventually comes to realize is his way of telling her he loves her.

It's also the title of a new memoir by Cary Elwes, who played Westley in the film, about the making of the film (the full title is As You Wish: Inconceivable Tales from the Making of the Princess Bride).

It's not just Elwes' memories making up the book, though. There are interviews throughout with almost everyone involved in making the movie, from screenwriter William Goldman to director Rob Reiner to Buttercup herself (and current House of Cards star), Robin Wright.

"I can't take complete credit for this book," admits Elwes. "I did get the rest of the cast to share their experiences."

The book is full of odd little stories about the making of the movie, like the time Elwes broke his toe trying to drive Andre the Giant's four-wheeler, and then, concerned he'd make director Rob Reiner so angry he'd be recast, continued trying to film.

The injury was something of a serious concern. He and Mandy Patinkin spent months learning how to fence, because Goldman had helpfully included in the script directions that the Westley/Inigo Montoya battle should be the "greatest swordfight in modern times."

Whether it was or not is, of course, up to the viewer, but Patinkin's interview about filming the big scene reminded Elwes of something he'd forgotten.

"Mandy reminded me that we had to change some of the fight sequence at the last second because it didn't work for the camera angle that Rob had chosen," says Elwes.

Reiner gave them something like 20 minutes to fix it (the battle they'd rehearsed for three months) and "we went and re-choreographed a whole section on the stairs, and got it and did it right in the first take, which I'd forgotten about," says Elwes.

The love the whole cast and crew had for the process is evident throughout the book.

Elwes says the experience felt almost like "theatre camp," a mood set by Reiner himself. "He set the tone by being so fun, so nurturing, and being an actor himself," says Elwes.

Elwes says he was inspired to put the book together after the cast reunited for the 25th anniversary at the Lincoln Center, which didn't give him quite enough time to share the full experience of working on the film, but was a reminder of how much fan interest there is in any hint of trivia about it.

"We all get asked, every one of us, by fans, what it was like all the time," Elwes admits.

"I thought now is a good time before my memory starts to fail to try and jot it all down and share it with the fans."

Like being at 'theatre camp'

"(Director Rob Reiner) set the tone by being so fun, so nurturing, and being an actor himself."

Cary Elwes describes how much the cast and crew enjoyed making The Princess Bride.

Missing Andre the Giant

- One person who gets a lot of screen time, so to speak, in the book, is Andre Roussimoff, better known by his wrestling name, Andre the Giant.
- From his willingness to patiently take pictures with every single cast and crew member to his cheerful habit of calling everyone simply "Boss," he comes across as a person who responded to an unusual life with uncommon grace.
- Asked why he devoted so much space to the man, Elwes responds quite simply. "Because I missed him. We all do. If you were fortunate enough to have Andre in your life, as we all were, to say he looms large is an understatement. He was very much a part of our lives."

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The Word

Bustin' ghosts with SNL stars, Parks & Rec or Feig faves?

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It's really happening. Bridesmaids director Paul Feig confirmed on Twitter that he'll be directing a new Ghostbusters film with a female cast, co-written by Parks and Recreation scribe Katie Dippold.

Ever since the idea of an all-female Ghostbusters team was first floated earlier this summer, speculation has run rampant about who might fill out the roster.

And who am I to stop something from running rampant?

Here are some ideas I think would be awesome.

The Feig all-stars: Melissa McCarthy, Kristen Wiig, Sandra Bullock and Rose Byrne.

McCarthy and Wiig seem like obvious choices — so obvious, in fact, that Bill Murray already name-checked them as what he'd like to see, along with Linda Cardellini and Emma Stone. (Hey, that's not a bad lineup either.)

But I'd round it out with McCarthy's Heat co-star, Bullock, and the Bridesmaids secret weapon, Byrne, who stole the show in Neighbors earlier this year.

The Parks & Rec Crew: Amy Poehler, Rashida Jones, Aubrey Plaza and Retta.

Given that Dippold is co-writing, it makes sense to look to Parks and Recreation for women to strap on the proton packs, and that show has a deep bench of female talent. We already know these four can play awkward co-workers, so why not throw some supernatural elements at them?

The SNL lineup: Kate McKinnon, Aidy Bryant, Vanessa Bayer and Cecily Strong.

These additions to the Saturday Night Live cast have been some of the strongest in years, so why not reward them with a big-screen blockbuster?

If nothing else, I will be expecting some "famous women audition for Ghostbusters III" impressions from these four sometime this season.

The TV grab-bag: Mindy Kaling, Casey Wilson, Teyonah Parris and Sarah Silverman.

Now I'm just playing favourites. What you want in a Ghostbusters team is a mix of strong, distinct personalities who won't drown each other out, and that's what these four have.

Kaling and Wilson are irresistible, and Silverman is always a commanding presence.

And Mad Men co-star Teyonah Parris shows some very impressive comic chops in the upcoming Dear White People and should be on your radar.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Don't ask Hilary Duff about childhood sweetie who still professes his love

Hilary Duff isn't such a fan of how Aaron Carter — whom she dated briefly when they were both child stars — keeps mentioning his undying love for her on Twitter and in interviews.

And she's definitely not a fan of Andy Cohen bringing it up. "I'm going to hurt you right now," she tells Cohen when he asks about it during a Watch What Happens Live chat. "I don't know. I don't know what to say about it. It was so many years ago. I literally haven't seen him in ... so, it's uncomfortable."

Hilary Duff

For Carter's part, he's 'fessed up to be something of a creeper when it comes to Duff. "I just need to shut up now about it. I think it's time," he told WENN last month.

"She's got a kid and she's married and I'm not trying to be that dude. That's not my intention."

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Alternative Thanksgiving Week.

No one at your table likes turkey? Try Orange Roasted Chicken

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Although a classic Thanksgiving tradition, roasting a whole turkey can be a bit of hassle — especially if you're not expecting to feed a crowd!

A roasted chicken is a nice alternative. This one feels special and occasion-worthy with orange wedges and a hit of Triple Sec or Grand Marnier.

Add delicious roasted veggies and you're in for a memorable meal.

Chicken

1. With the rack in the middle position, preheat the oven to 375 F (190 C).

2. In roasting pan, spread parsnips, onions and sage. Season with salt and pepper. Set aside.

3. Insert the segments of one orange in the chicken's cavity. Brush the chicken with the mustard and place over the vegetables. Drizzle with the orange juice, Triple Sec and olive oil. Season with salt and pepper. Place the remaining orange wedges around the chicken.

4. Roast 2 hours or until a meat thermometer inserted into the thigh without touching the bone reads 180 F (82 C). Place the chicken and vegetables in a warm serving dish. Skim the fat from the pan drippings and keep drippings for the sauce.

Sauce

1. In a large saucepan, combine all the ingredients and add the reserved pan drippings. Bring to a boil, stirring with a whisk, and reduce by half. Press one or two cooked orange wedges into the sauce. Strain and adjust the seasoning. Serve with the chicken. **FOLLOW RICARDO ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND ON RICARDOCUISINE.COM OR SUBSCRIBE TO HIS MAGAZINE'S ENGLISH EDITION, WHICH LAUNCHED THIS SEPTEMBER!**

Ingredients

Chicken

- 1 lb (454 g) parsnips, peeled and cut in half lengthwise
- 2 onions, sliced
- 3 sprigs fresh sage
- 2 oranges, unpeeled, each cut into 6 wedges
- 1 large chicken, about 5 lb (2.3 kg)
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) Dijon mustard
- Juice of 1 orange
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) Triple Sec or Grand Marnier
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) olive oil
- Salt and pepper

Sauce

- 4 cups (1 litre) chicken broth
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) honey
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) Triple Sec
- 2 tsp cornstarch

Liquid Assets

Wines to give turkey the bird

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Of all the meals you'll eat this year, Thanksgiving dinner is the most traditional. Or is it?

A poll of my friends found that while most will be taking the turkey and cranberry sauce route, some have given up cliché fare for a less mainstream main course.

That bodes well for this week's recipe. Ricardo flips the bird at turkey and suggests chicken glazed with an orange sauce.

It's the sauce that dictates your choice of wine. The up-front citrus influence of the orange liqueur will wreak havoc on anything too dry, too full or too oaky.

If you prefer a red, go with a light-bodied pinot noir from California or Chile. When it comes to white, think Riesling from Germany or one from a local vineyard in your province — it's grown just about everywhere in Canada.

I like Chardonnay. The Banrock Station 2013 Unwooded Chardonnay ($11.99 to $12.99) from Australia sees no barrel aging, and its bright, lime, melon and pineapple flavours will make for a happy holiday no matter what you're serving. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

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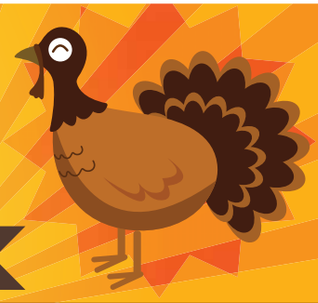

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Men, don't you get sick of hearing women go on about fall fashion? It's time that you took part in the fun of seasonal shopping. Now that Modern Menswear on 4th Street SW has opened, you can do just that. This is Calgary's newest menswear boutique with only the snazziest of fashion from home and abroad, and chances are good you'll find your favourite new pieces here. If you have some free time in the next few weeks, sashay over to Mission and get yourself some new duds (2500 4th St. SW). modernmenswear.ca

Cirque de la Nuit

If you used to think that going to the Roadhouse was passé, we wouldn't have argued with you… but on Oct. 17, Cirque Nuit is back with their instalment of funk, groovy beats and festival entertainment such as acroyoga and silks, all bound to make you rethink this venue. With the Dirty Gramophones and a collection of other gypsy funk DJs taking over the space, you'll feel like you've joined a travelling caravan for the evening. Tickets are flying fast, so don't wait. cirquenuit.com

Fall for East Village

Thanksgiving weekend should be about relaxation, so here's a way to unwind. Take in the fall weather this Saturday with a walk through East Village (Calgary's coolest new neighbourhood) and experience some artisanal booths, a pop-up food-truck scene and a photobooth. You can also access the pumpkin patch on-site if you bring a food bank donation. Can you think of anything else you'd rather do this long weekend? evexperience.com

Halfy Hour

OK, so maybe there's one more thing we can think of that would be more fun than picking out your pumpkin and eating lunch on the East Village riverbank. Anejo is known for making a mean margarita, and their tequila shelf has arguably the best selection of agave-based spirits in the entire city. Every day from 3 to 5 p.m. you can take advantage not only of half-priced drinks, but also half-priced food. If you're not into turkey this weekend, this is a great alternative. anejo.ca

Toast and Jam

Calgary is all about brunch — but how about a boozy brunch? Bespoke is hosting their first-ever Toast and Jam party on Sunday, Oct. 26 from noon until 2 p.m. and you're invited. The bar will become a sensational space for you and your breakfast crew to sip on Veuve Clicquot bubbly while taking in a delicious meal prepared by Nicole Gourmet. After brunch, DJ Thomas H will be getting the party started with some club hits that will make for a memorable Sunday. Brunch tickets are $45 at toastandjam.zoobis.com

Flashdance

Starting Nov. 18, you can relive the magic of a somewhat tacky but simultaneously awesome era because Flashdance the musical is hitting the Jubilee Auditorium. Directed by Sergio Trujillo (the man behind the musicals Jersey Boys and Memphis), the performance will be jam-packed with lots of dance, pizzazz and classic hits like Maniac and I Love Rock and Roll. If you love films such as Dirty Dancing or Footloose, you won't want to miss out on this spectacle. calgary-theatre.com

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NHL

Flames get bad news on Bennett

The Calgary Flames say 18-year-old centre Sam Bennett needs shoulder surgery and will be out four to six months.

The Flames drafted Bennett fourth overall in this year's NHL draft, making him the highest selection in Calgary's history.

He was limited to three pre-season games and missed parts of main camp because of a groin injury coming out of rookie camp, which was followed by his shoulder troubles.

Bennett said he had shoulder troubles last year but kept quiet about the pain because he wanted to be in the Flames' lineup.

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NHL

Sens fall to Preds in Nashville

Craig Smith, Shea Weber and Eric Nystrom all scored in the third period, and the Predators beat the Ottawa Senators 3-2 Thursday night, giving coach Peter Laviolette a win in his Nashville debut.

Smith tied it at 1 with his goal 1:36 into the third of the season opener for both teams. Then Weber, the three-time Norris Trophy finalist, skated around the net before flipping a backhander over a diving Craig Anderson for the lead. Nystrom scored at 10:20. Filip Forsberg and Paul Gaustad each had two assists.

Kyle Turris and Alex Chiasson each scored for Ottawa. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Flames, Oilers light up another Battle of Alberta

The Calgary Flames celebrate Jiri Hudler's goal to take a 2-0 lead in the Edmonton Oilers' season opener on Thursday night at Rexall Place. New Flame Mason Raymond also scored and Teddy Purcell tallied for the Oilers to make it 2-1 at the first intermission. Go to metronews.ca for the final score and more coverage.

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Crosby's Penguins take flight vs. Ducks

NHL. Pittsburgh outduels Anaheim in clash between revamped contenders

Opening night

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NHL MVP Sidney Crosby scored twice and added an assist as the Pittsburgh Penguins beat the Anaheim Ducks 6-4 Thursday night in the season opener for both teams.

Pascal Dupuis added a goal and three assists in his return from knee surgery for the Penguins, who rolled to victory in new coach Mike Johnston's debut. Patrick Hornqvist, Blake Comeau and Brandon Sutter also scored for Pittsburgh. Marc-Andre Fleury made 25 saves.

Corey Perry had a hat trick for the Ducks, who collapsed after erasing an early three-goal deficit. Ryan Kesler added a goal in his debut with Anaheim. John Gibson struggled while making his first start in his hometown, stopping 33 of 39 shots.

The Pens underwent a massive overhaul following a fifth straight spring that ended without a trip to the Stanley Cup final. Pittsburgh fired coach Dan Bylsma and general manager Ray Shero and brought in former Carolina Hurricanes executive Jim Rutherford, who hired the well-travelled Johnston and tasked him with making sure Crosby and Malkin's primes don't go to waste.

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Sidney Crosby celebrates his first goal of the season with Penguins teammate Patrick Hornqvist on Thursday night. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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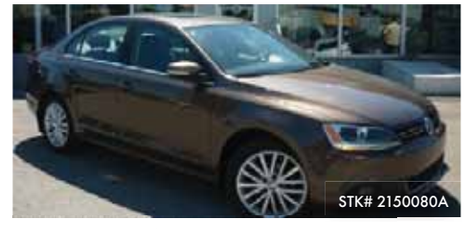
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What's old is new again for Riders

Kerry Joseph rushes the football during the Roughriders' win over the Blue Bombers in the 95th Grey Cup in November 2007. HARRY HOW/GETTY IMAGES

Retired no more. Star QB returns to rescue Roughriders' ailing offence at age 41

The Saskatchewan Roughriders have reached into the past to answer their questions at quarterback by coaxing Kerry Joseph out of retirement.

But at 41 years old, it remains to be seen whether the CFL's Most Outstanding Player in 2007 has anything left to help the team's struggling offence.

Joseph ended his brief retirement and signed with the Riders on Thursday and immediately joined the team at practice.

"It's a good feeling," he said following his first workout with the Riders. "It's has been a while. For years I have been on the other side, so to get back into that locker-room just gives you that burst of energy to know that there's some great things going on here."

Joseph received the phone call on Oct. 4, his birthday, from Riders head coach Corey Chamblin.

He didn't jump at the opportunity right away.

"It wasn't an easy decision," Joseph said, adding that he wrestled with it for a couple of days before he chose to rejoin his former team.

"It just felt right. I think if it wasn't here I wouldn't have done it, to be honest with you. I think coming back here in the green and white and knowing what they have established and the opportunities that lay ahead, that's why (I came back)."

Joseph joins a crowd at quarterback that includes Tino Sunseri, Seth Doege and Keith Price. Sunseri has started in place of the injured Darian Durant in three of the Riders' past four games, with Doege starting the most recent contest.

The Riders have won just once during that span and take their 9-5 record to Montreal for a showdown on Monday with the Alouettes (5-8).

Joseph is expected to dress for that game but it's unlikely he'll see any snaps under centre.

"They have some good guys in place and I'm just getting familiar with Coach (George) Cortez (offensive co-ordinator) and the way he does things on offence," Joseph said. "I'm pretty familiar with the offence and I don't want to look too far and just take things one day at a time. I want to get better and get back into the groove of things."

Joseph was keeping himself busy since his last game action last November with the Edmonton Eskimos. Joseph was working out quarterbacks and receivers at the high school and college level in Louisiana. He also served as a guest coach during training camp with the NFL's New Orleans Saints.

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Coach confidence

"He can still throw the ball. He's still Kerry Joseph."

Roughriders head coach Corey Chamblin on seeing Kerry Joseph back in action

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#Gr8test: Ovi leads in followers

Is he pumped about the start of the NHL regular season or his 881,000 followers on Twitter? As of Tuesday, Russian star Alex Ovechkin (@ovi8) of the Washington Capitals was the most followed NHL player on Twitter by a landslide. Scan the image with the Metro News app to find out which other players and teams are famous in the Twitterverse. ALEXANDER NEMENOV/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Shootout final

Habs spoil Trotz's Capitals debut

Tomas Plekanec scored his third goal of the young season, and the Montreal Canadiens recovered from a slow start Thursday night for a 2-1 shootout win over the Washington Capitals and new coach Barry Trotz.

Brendan Gallagher scored the decisive goal in the fifth round of the shootout, which, intriguingly, did not feature Capitals star and three-time NHL MVP Alex Ovechkin until the fourth round.

Dustin Tokarski made 29 saves for the Canadiens, getting the start after Carey Price worked the 4-3 win over Toronto on Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rematch. Bouchard may face Kvitova

Facing the powerful Czech Republic in the Fed Cup is a tall order for the Canadian women's tennis squad and its top player Eugenie Bouchard.

Bouchard is in for another match against the player who has become her nemesis, Petra Kvitova, if both opt to play for their respective countries when they meet Feb. 7-8 in Quebec City.

Eugenie Bouchard GETTY IMAGES

Canada will host the Czech Republic on the campus of Laval University for the Fed Cup World Group I tie, Tennis Canada announced Thursday. Currently eighth in the Fed Cup rankings, Canada defeated Slovakia in a playoff tie in April at the same 3,000-seat venue.

Bouchard is 0-3 against Kvitova, including losses in the finals at Wimbledon in June and the Wuhan Open on Sept. 27. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cardinals manager Mike Matheny says Adam Wainwright will start Game 1 of the NLCS against the San Francisco Giants on Saturday night in St. Louis. TOM LYNN/GETTY IMAGES

Wainwright good to go

Rumour mill waste.
Wainwright up for NLCS championship despite injury rumours

St. Louis Cardinals manager Mike Matheny says rumours that Adam Wainwright is hurt are overblown.

Matheny is sticking with the same rotation that clicked in the first round, and Wainwright, the 20-game winner, is set to pitch Game 1 of the National League Championship Series against the San Francisco Giants. Matheny announced the starters on Thursday, two days ahead of the series opener.

Matheny said before the Cardinals beat the Los Angeles Dodgers in the NLDS Game 4 clincher that Lance Lynn was available on regular rest if Wainwright couldn't go.

"I think there were some things taken out of context and blown up probably more than they needed to be when it was a statement of basically the obvious ... in case something didn't look right, feel right," Matheny said.

"He's fine and we'll just watch him closely like we watch everybody else."

Lynn will work Game 2, followed by John Lackey and Shelby Miller. Michael Wacha, who didn't pitch in the Division Series, will remain a long-relief option out of the bullpen.

Wainwright had a rough start in Game 1 of the Division Series, allowing six runs on 11 hits in 4-1/3 innings. His velocity was down and he seemed to be emphasizing his curveball more than usual.

Matheny said it was "stating the obvious, too, that Waino was struggling to find a good feel in Game 1."

"But that's happened at different times throughout our season and he's been able to bounce back and figure it out and make it work," Matheny said.

"Not just make it work — but being the lead pitcher."

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Cardinal rule

"He's fine and we'll just watch him closely like we watch everybody else."

Cardinals manager Mike Matheny denies rumours of injured lead pitcher Adam Wainwright

Baltimore

Orioles shortstop J.J. Hardy says he's close to reaching an agreement on a contract extension.

Hardy's current contract expires at the end of this season. He has earned $21 million over the past three years.

The 32-year-old Hardy batted .268 with nine homers in 141 games this season, then went 3 for 10 in Baltimore's three-game sweep of Detroit in the American League Division Series.

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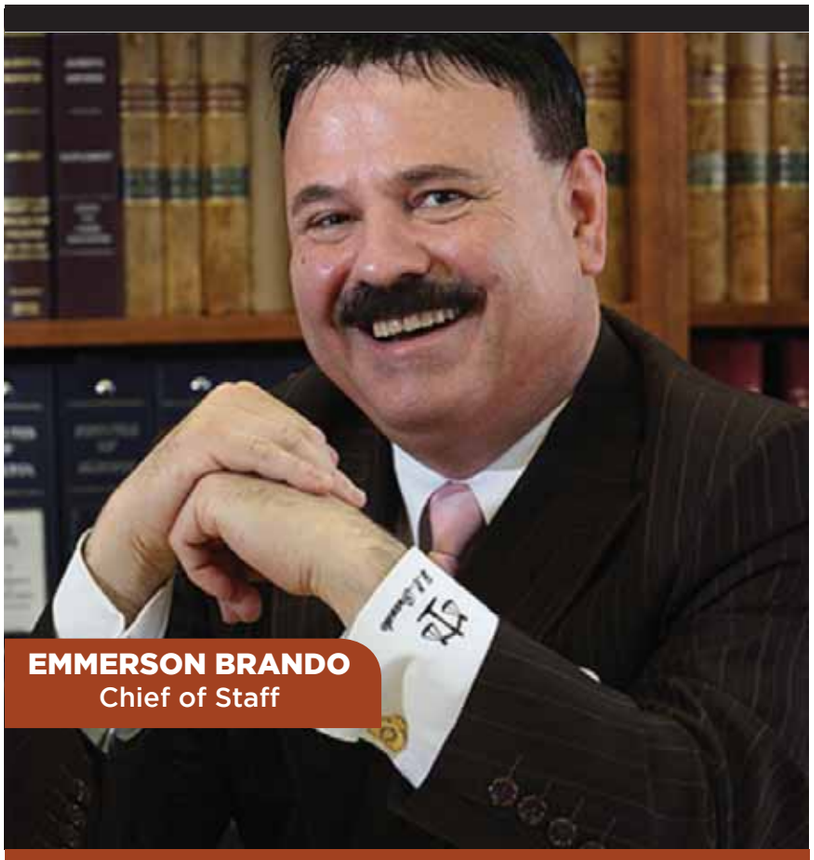

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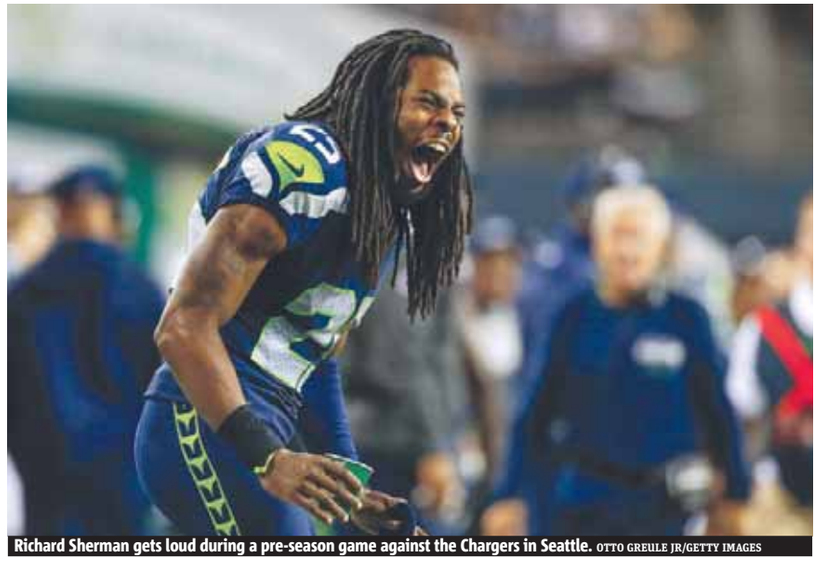

Richard Sherman gets loud during a pre-season game against the Chargers in Seattle. OTTO GREULE JR/GETTY IMAGES

Turn that racket up: NFL teams

Practice tactics. Tunes being cranked during scrimmages to prepare for raucous crowds on game day

Focusing on task at hand

In St. Louis, sometimes players not in formation during a scrimmage are told to stand behind the quarterback and shout and jump around.

To get ready to face Richard Sherman and Seattle's ear-piercing 12th man, the Denver Broncos turned to Lil Wayne, Jerimih, Ozzy Osbourne and Pharrell Williams.

Like many other teams, the Broncos have dialled down the old jet engine noise that roared through their concert-sized speakers at practice. Now, like so many teenagers, they crank up the jams to body-shivering, brain-rattling volume: Led Zeppelin. Nicki Minaj. Ariana Grande.

Teams have long used piped-in sound to make it harder for players on both sides of the ball to communicate. Adding songs (some that players may want to dance to, others that make them cringe) makes them have to concentrate even harder.

Tight end Julius Thomas casually mentioned to Broncos offensive co-ordinator Adam Gase this spring that it's harder to concentrate to music. Denver ditched the crowd noise and joined the growing list of teams piping in melodies to mess with their players' minds.

"The white noise is easier to block out," Thomas said. "I think when they play music, it makes it a bit tougher. Just noise isn't as distracting as maybe a song that you recognize.

"Say you're hearing a song that in your off time you enjoy and you sing along to, when you're able to block that out, then you're able to do your best to block out crowd noise."

Sixteen NFL teams now pump music into their practices and another eight use a mixture of songs and the old crowd noise.

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Child abuse trial. Prosecutors want Peterson's bond revoked

Minnesota Vikings star Adrian Peterson should be arrested anew after admitting during his court appearance on a child abuse charge that he had "smoked a little weed" while out on bond, Texas prosecutors said Thursday.

In a court motion, the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office said Peterson allegedly told a worker conducting his urinalysis exam during a Wednesday court appearance that he had smoked marijuana.

Peterson is currently free on a $15,000 bond after he was indicted last month on a felony charge of injury to a child for using a wooden switch to discipline his four-year-old son. Peterson has said he never intended to harm his son.

He faces up to two years in prison and a $10,000 fine if convicted. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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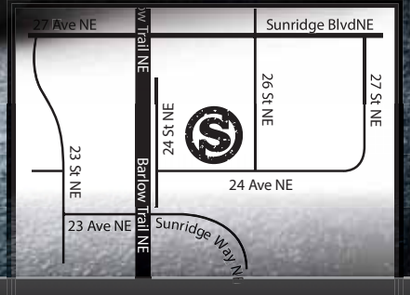

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
What seemed a sensible idea yesterday may now appear silly but don't give up on it. In there is the germ of a good plan and it can be made to work if you refuse to be disheartened.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You must be decisive today, especially on the work front where the right word in the right ear at the right time could open doors that have been closed for too long.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
According to the planets you are in danger of making a simple situation more complicated than it needs to be. Let your inner voice guide you.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
It's vital you are honest with yourself about your position but you also need to be more optimistic. Your financial situation is nowhere near as bleak as you've been painting it.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You have been experiencing a lot of emotional ups and downs of late and need to find a balance between being concerned about personal issues and laughing at them.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Today's cosmic picture signifies that a practical problem needs a practical solution, so don't let personal feelings get in the way.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Today and over the weekend you need to either throw yourself into a serious project or leave it completely alone and go off and do something fun.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Take time out to ponder the decision you are about to make. Is it really what you want? If you are not completely convinced you are doing the right thing then maybe you should wait.

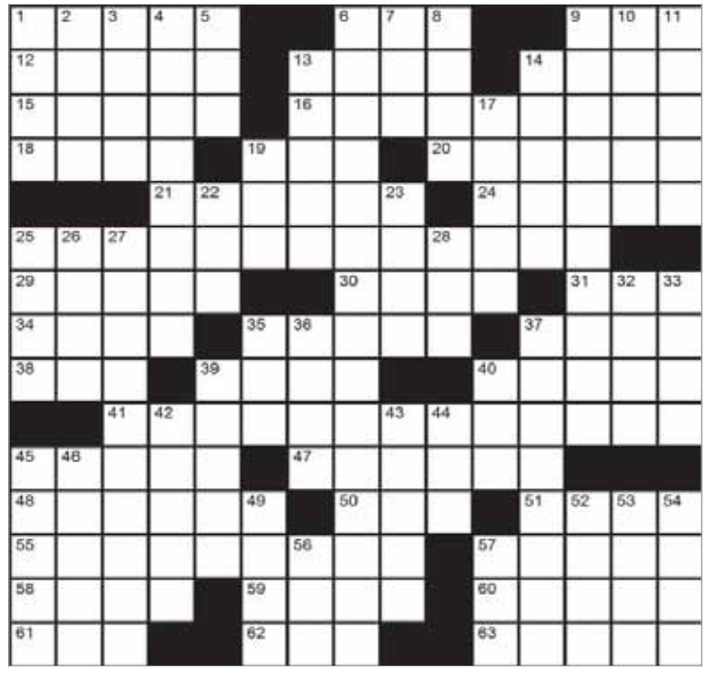
♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
The nicer you are to someone today, the more they will take liberties. The planets warn you won't get anywhere by appealing to the better side of this person's nature.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Today's Sun-Jupiter link means you may find it hard to show restraint when dealing with matters of a business nature, but that's OK. Usually you are totally in control of yourself, so go to the other extreme.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Something you have been dreaming about for weeks, months, maybe even years is about to become a reality.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You won't escape a difficult situation by running away from it, so be brave and face up to whatever emotional challenge is in front of you.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



Across
1. Folds
6. Deplete
9. "That '70s Show" role
12. Stream
13. Gloriole
14. Programmer's language
15. Mr. Davis Jr.
16. Instead-of-presents presents: 2 wds.
18. Supplication
19. Hobbyist's purchase
20. Recluse
21. Mr. Villeneuve, Honoured Member of Canada's Sports Hall of Fame
24. Hints
25. Halifax: Canada's __ __ - HMCS Sackville
29. W.G. for Wayne Gretzky, briefly
30. Husk
31. Point
34. La __ Nostra (Crime syndicate)
35. One-__
37. ___ song (Cheaply)
38. "Strangers __ _ Train" (1951)
39. Oscar-winning composer, Nino __ (b.1911 - d.1979)
40. Column style
41. Margaret Atwood's new tales collection: 2 wds.
45. Director, Michael __
47. Least
48. Weddings: Ring __
50. Huge
51. Puerto __
55. Bruce Wayne's alter ego's ride
57. Breakfast fruit
58. Q. "__ '__ Weekly' a magazine?" A. "Yes."
59. Post-op locales
60. Try
61. poet mr. cummings'
62. Look
63. Hymn

Down
1. Chef's meas.
2. Russia's __ Mountains
3. Dog command
4. 1914 Canadian History: __ Maru (Passengers of this ship were faced with immigration injustices and were denied entry into Canada 100 years ago)
5. Plane's place
6. Song for Canadian musician Lawrence Gowan to sing as Styx's lead singer since 1999: 3 wds.
7. Bitty bark
8. Route
9. Racing circuit for #21-Across: 2 wds.
10. "Frasier" dog
11. Orange flavourings
13. Flexible
14. Canadian comedian/actress Ms. Collins
17. "__ B. DeMented" (2000)
19. Dutch airline
22. French pronoun
23. Aching
25. One of Andy Warhol's Superstars
26. Auth. unknown
27. Sandra Bullock's character's concern as a Canuck working in The States in "The Proposal" (2009): 2 wds.
28. Eliminate
32. Eye part
33. PC alternatives
35. Daughter's brother
36. Detail
37. Castle, for one
39. Beverly Hills' __ Drive
40. "__ all good."
42. Conditions
43. Horoscope sign
44. Young sheep
45. Ms. Cornish
46. "__ Porridge Hot" (Nursery rhyme)
49. Baseball stats
52. Rick's 1942 beloved
53. Vancouver's __ Harbour (Where the Japanese steamship at #4-Down was anchored for two months before it was forced to return to India)
54. 'Pseud' suffix
56. Frost
57. Chart

Yesterday's Crossword

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Yesterday's Sudoku

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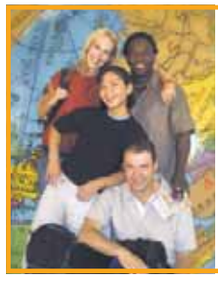
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